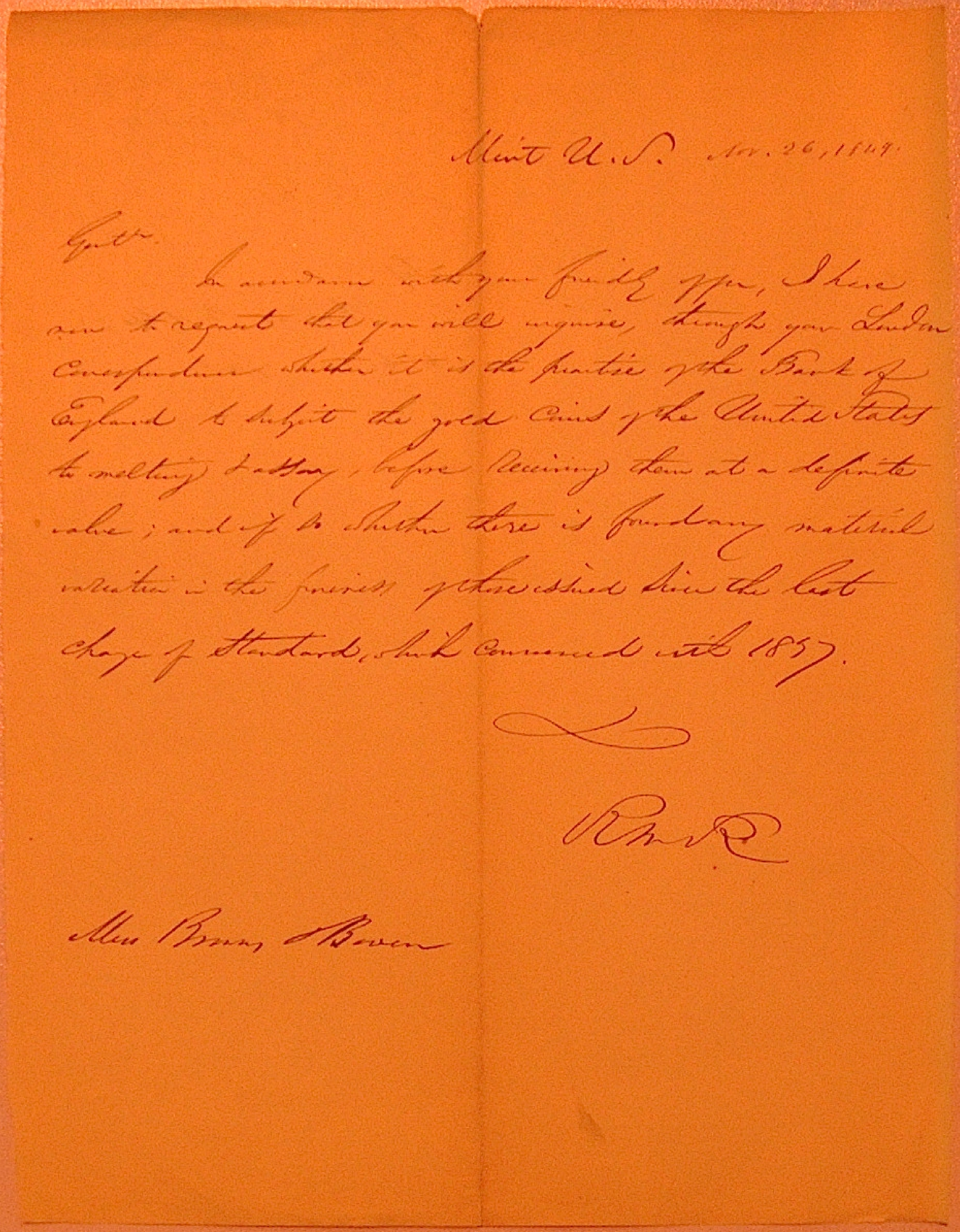


Mint U.S. Nov. 26, 1849.

Gentn.

In accordance with your friendly offer, I have now to request that you will inquire, through your London Correspondents whether it is the practice of the Bank of England to subject the gold coins of the United States to melting & assay, before receiving them at a definite value; and if so whether there is found any material variation in the fineness of those issued since the last change of standard, which commenced with 1837.

RMP

Mess Brown & Bowen

R. M. Patterson Esq

My dear Sir

I thank you for the letter you have addressed to me in reply to my note — In my judgment both of them should be published, and I will cause it to be done, provided it meets your approbation.

Do me the favor to reply by the return mail as it will be necessary for me to leave for Washington on Wednesday or Thursday at the latest.

Respectfully Yours

[illegible]

New York 26 Nov. 49

Dr R. M. Patterson
U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

Our friends in New York Meſsrs J. G. King & Sons write to us "We are informed that parties here have met with loſs on shipments of Gold which they supposed could be deposited with the Bank of England, as other foreign gold is and an advance made thereon by the Bank at the rate fixed by law and in this they were disappointed the Bank refusing to make an advance in American Coin owing as is alledged to variation in the alloy" "We have ourselves no information on the subject beyond the fact that the Bank will not receive American Coin unleſs aſsayed. It is supposed by some parties here that the variation in value resulting from melting our coins abroad arises from their being so many counterfeits of the ½ & ¼ Eagle"

Our friends promise to communicate anything more definite that they may hear. My father is now out of town but if you will send me the memorandum of the information you desire to receive or communicate It will give me pleasure to write to our London friend on this subject on behalf of the firm

Yours respfully
H. J. Biddle

Mint of the United States
Philada. Nov. 24. 1849

~~Sir,~~

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. inquiring the estimates of the Contingent ~~expenses~~ of the Mint, the item of taxes was included up to the year 1843. On the 16th of Jany 1843 the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury gave the following instructions, "The Attorney General ~~of the~~ having decided that the property of the United States is not liable for the payment of taxes, ~~as the~~ you will be pleased in future to pay no taxes on the U. States Mint, without instructions from the Department." In ~~accordance~~ Compliance with these instructions the taxes ~~for~~ from the year 1843 to the present time have not been paid. I enclose you a statement marked "A", showing the amount of taxes paid from the time of the purchase of the lot on which the Mint was erected, up to the year 1843; and also a statement marked "B," showing the amount of Taxes assessed, and unpaid from the year

1843 to the year 1849 inclusive.

The deed for the ~~Mint lot~~ lot is not among the papers in the Mint, ~~and in I~~ it was forwarded I presume to Washington. I find a duplicate receipt for the consideration money, dated May 1st 1829 ~~and~~ ~~for~~ ~~being the amount~~ and in which the purchase money is stated to be of $31,666.67.

I will be happy to communicate any further information ~~that~~ you may desire which it may be in my power to give.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obt. Sert,

James Ross Snowden
Treasurer,

Hon. Reverdy Johnson
Atty Genl. U. States
Washington City

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

24 Nov 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

R. M. Patterson Esqr

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him——taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Nov. 24, 1849

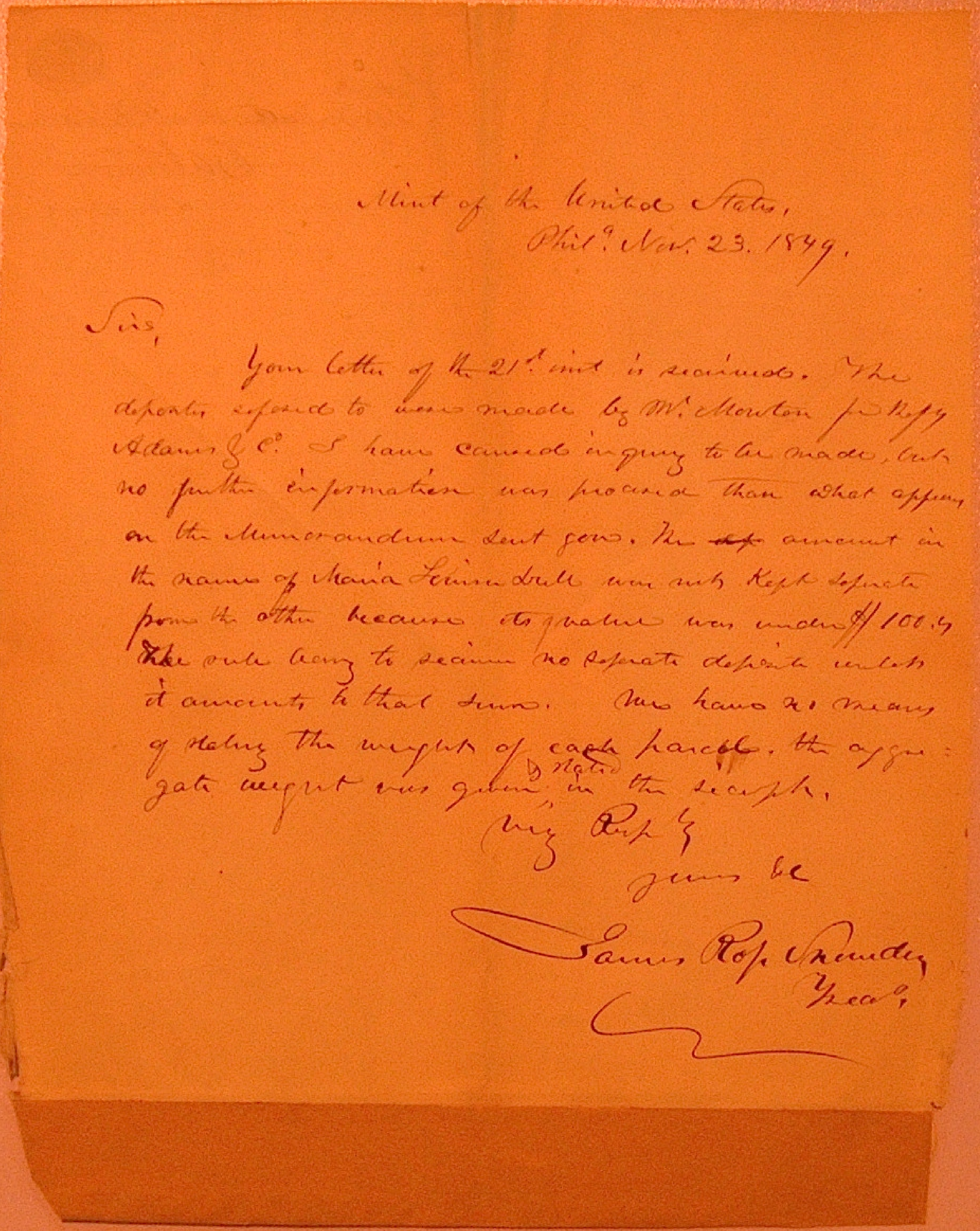
Gentlemen,

As director of the Mint, I am interested to know whether it is the practice at the Bank of England to subject the gold coins of the United States to melting and assay, before they can be received at a definite value; and if so, whether it is true of such coins as have been issued since the legal change of standard, in June 1834, from 22 carats, or $916\frac{2}{3}$ thousandths, to 899.25 thousandths; and particularly whether it is true of such as have been struck since the subsequent change, in January 1837, to 900 thousandths. Further, what are the grounds which render that scrutiny necessary. And lastly, whether the gold coins of France, or any other European country, are received by weight at their alleged fineness, or are subjected to a preliminary assay.

As you have facilities, by your correspondence with London, for ascertaining these particulars, you will greatly oblige me by taking an early opportunity for making the inquiry, and informing me of the answers.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Messrs Thomas Biddle & Co.



Mint of the United States,
Phil^a. Nov. 23. 1849.

Sirs,

Your letter of the 21st inst is received. The deposits referred to were made by Mr. Moulton for Messrs Adams & Co. I have caused inquiry to be made, but no further information was procured than what appears on the Memorandum sent you. The ~~dep~~ amount in the name of Maria Louisa Bell was only kept separate from the other because its value was under $100.— The rule being to receive no separate deposits unless it amounts to that sum. We have no means of stating the weight of each parcel. the aggregate weight was given, stated in the receipt.

Very Resp'y
yours &c
James Ross Snowden
Treas^r.

Mint U. S. Nov. 23. '49

Messrs Thomas Biddle & Co.
also (Messrs A. & G. Ralston & Co.)
also (Messrs Browns, Bowen & Co.)

Gentlemen,

As Director of the Mint I am interested to know whether it is the practice at the Bank of England to subject the gold coins of the U. S. to melting and assay, before they can be received at a definite value; and if so, whether it is true of such coins ~~t~~ as have been issued since the legal change of standard, in June 1834, from 22 carats or $916\frac{2}{3}$ thousandths, to 899.225 thousandths; and particularly, whether it is true of such as have been struck since the subsequent change, in January 1837, to 900 thousandths. Further, what are the grounds which render that scrutiny necessary. And lastly, whether the gold coins of France, or any other European countries, are received by weight, at their alleged fineness, or are subjected to a preliminary assay.

As you have facilities, by your correspondence with London, for ascertaining these particulars, you will greatly oblige me by taking an early oppor-tunity for making the inquiry, and informing me ~~in regard~~ of the answers.

Very respectfully

(not sent)

Mint U.S. Nov. 23/49

Messrs Editors

I find the following paragraph among the Editorial articles in your paper of yesterday.

A charge which so vastly affects the character of our national currency, and seriously injures the reputation and the feelings of the officers of government concerned in ~~the~~ manufacture of the coin, ought to be traced to a responsible source; and I beg you to specify what "late English papers" contain the statement, that I may know where to find it, & the grounds of it. In the meantime, ~~that the assays of this mint, for a~~ I confidently affirm, that the assays of this mint, for a considerable series of years past, & certainly since the change of standard in 1834, will compare advantageously, for critical accuracy, & fidelity to the legal standards, with those of any mint in the world.

Very resp'y &c

Freeport Nov 23d 1849

Treasurer of the Mint Phila

Dr Sir

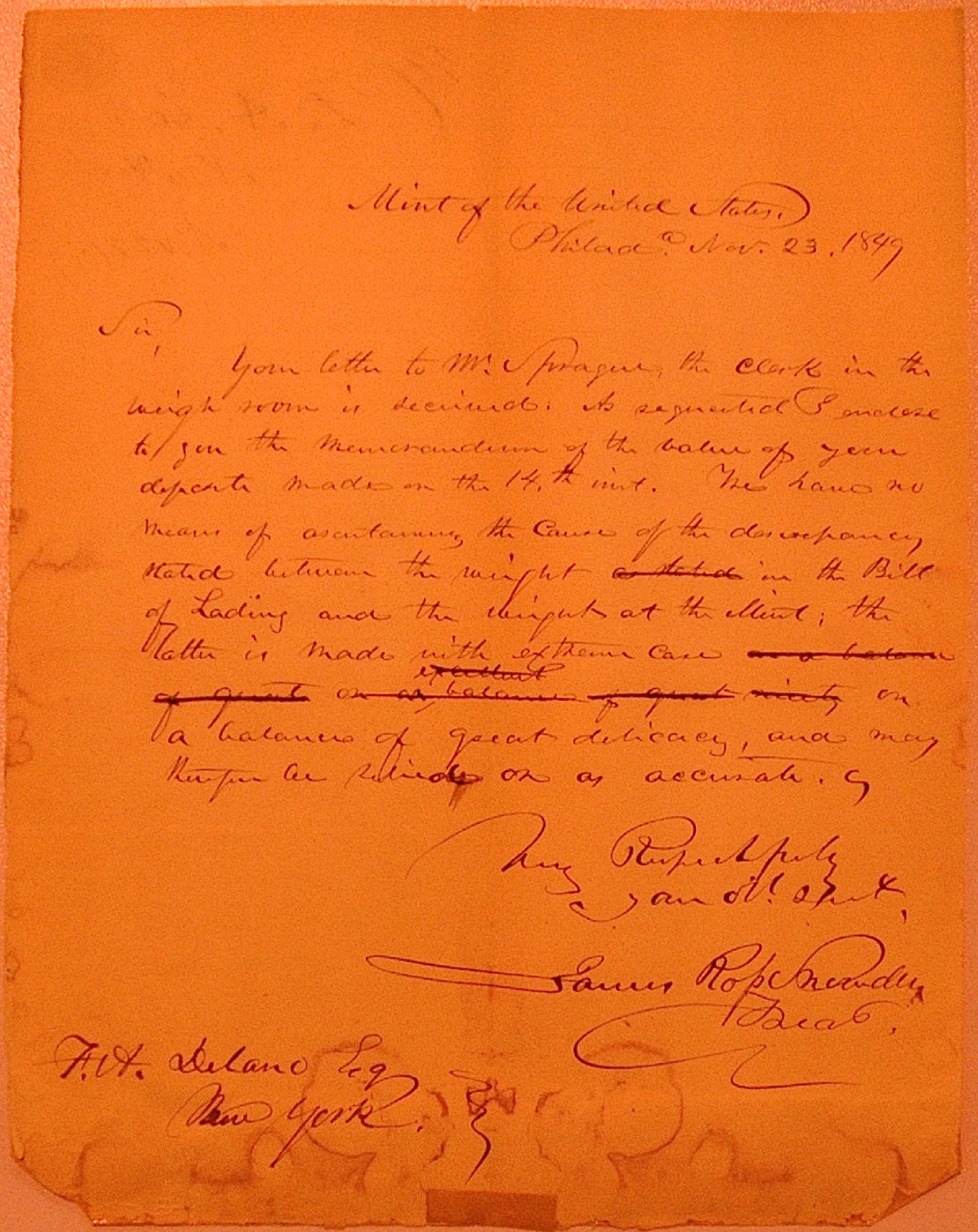
I Deposited on the 17 ulto a Quantity of Gold dust and was informed it would be Coined ready for Delivery in 3 weeks. according I sent the Certificate of Deposit since which nothing has reached me in regard to it [illegible] Will you be kind enough to inform me whether it has been pay over and if not when it will be ready for Delivery and much oblig

Yours Obt

Servant

H. S. Soule

{collected on 15th inst. by the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Phila}



Mint of the United States,
Philada. Nov. 23, 1849

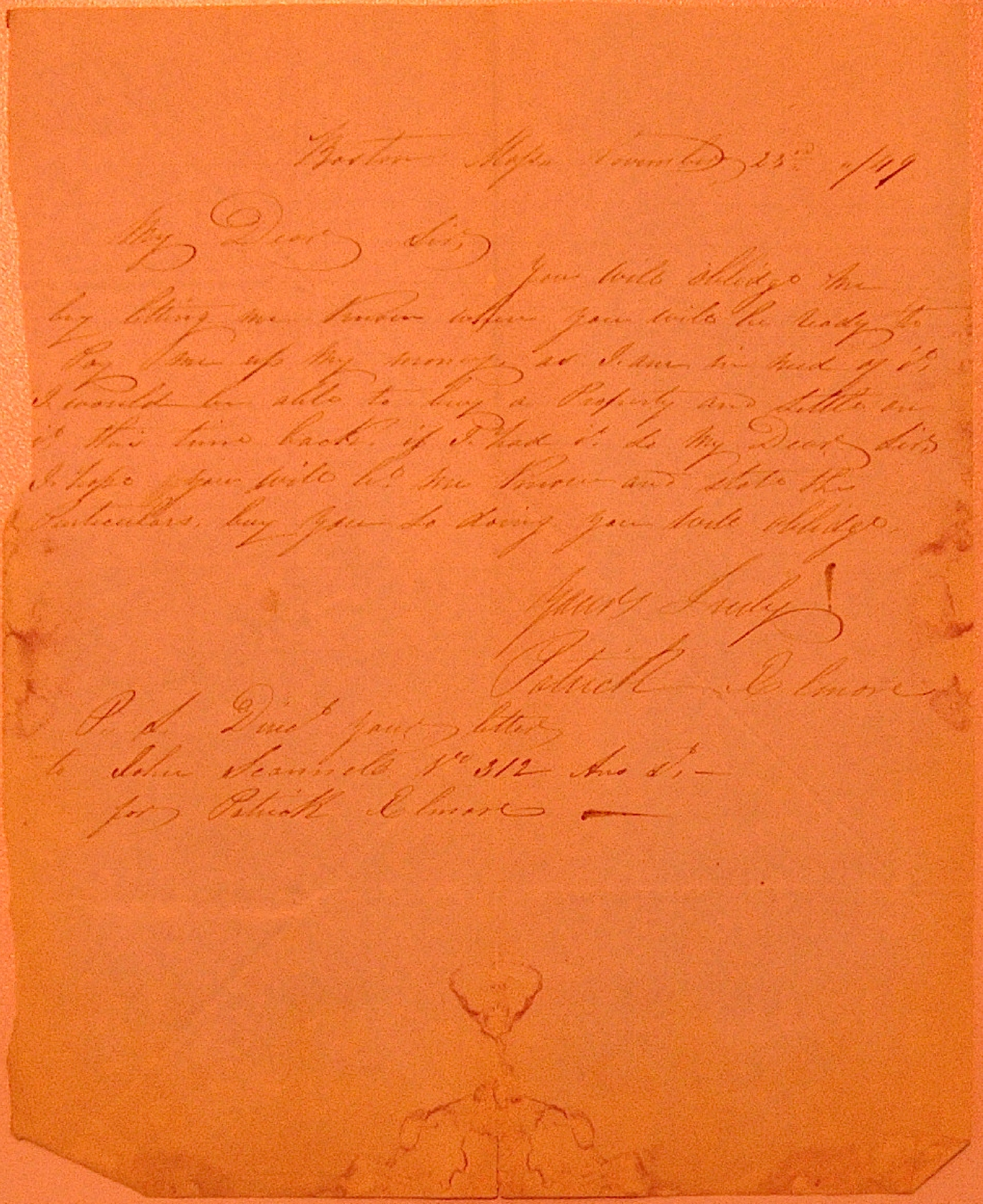
Sir,

Your letter to Mr. Sprague, the clerk in the weigh room is received. As requested I enclose to you the memorandum of the value of your deposit made on the 14th inst. We have no means of ascertaining the cause of the discrepancy stated between the weight ~~as stated~~ in the Bill of Lading and the weight at the Mint; the latter is made with extreme care ~~on a balance of great~~ ~~on an~~ ~~excellent~~ ~~balance of great nicety~~ on a balance of great delicacy, and may therefore be relied on as accurate.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt,

James Ross Snowden,
Treas.

F. A. Delano Esq
New York



Boston Mass November 23rd /49

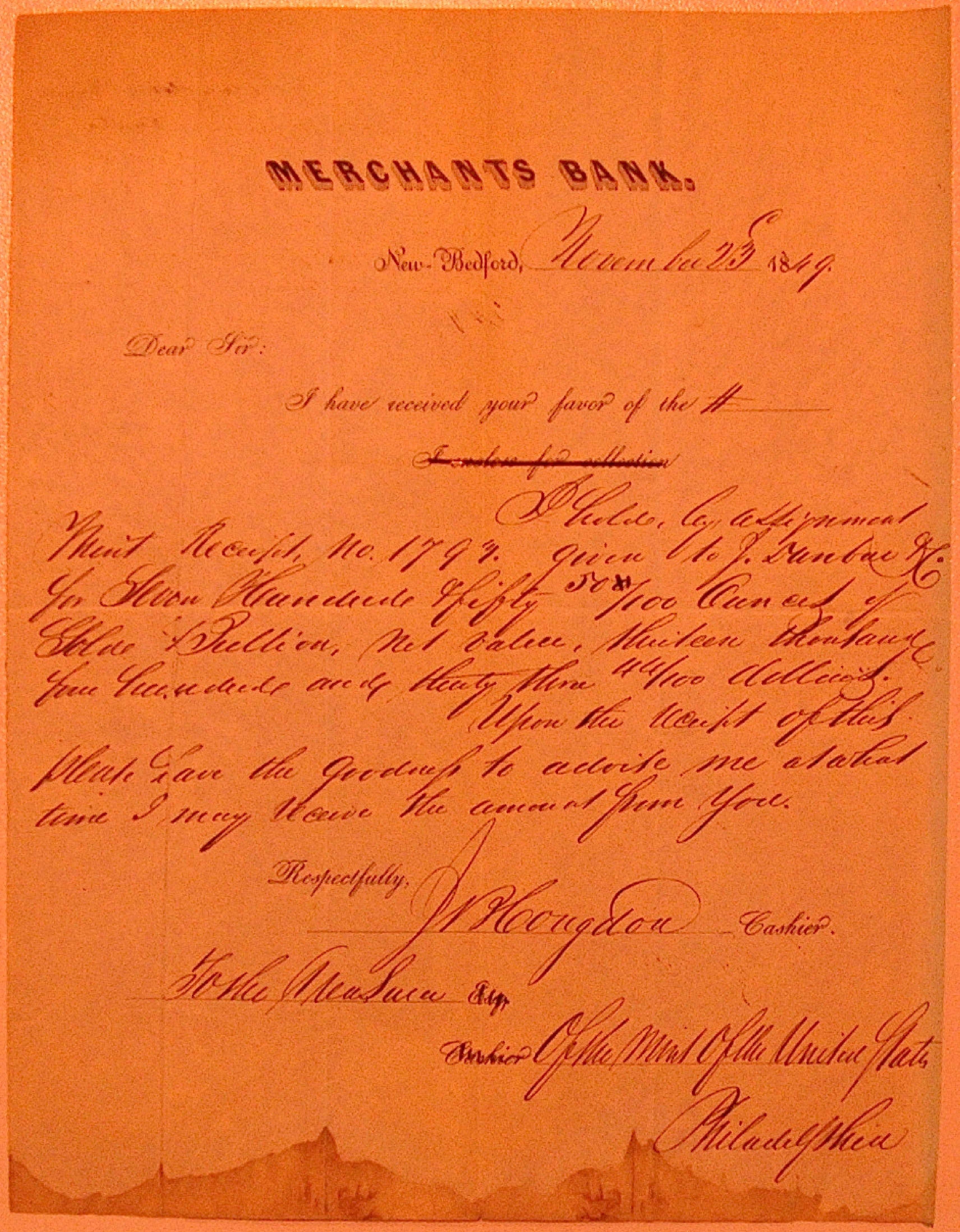
My Dear Sir

You will oblige me by letting me know when you will be ready to Pay Sum up my money as I am in need of it I would be able to buy a Property and settle on it this time back. if I had it So My Dear Sir I hope you will let me know and state the Particulars. by you so doing you will oblige

Yours Truly

Patrick Elmore

P. S. Direct your letter
to John Scannells No 312 Ann St —
for Patrick Elmore —



MERCHANTS BANK.

New-Bedford, November 23 1849.

Dear Sir:

I have received your favor of the

~~I enclose for collection~~

I hold, by assignment Mint Receipt, No. 1797. given to J. Dunbar & Co. for Eleven Hundred & fifty 58/100 Ounces of Gold Bullion, Net value, Thirteen thousand four hundred and thirty three 44/100 dollars.

Upon the receipt of this please have the goodness to advise me at what time I may receive the amount from you.

Respectfully,

J B Congdon Cashier.

To the Treasurer Esq.

~~Cashier~~ Of the Mint Of the United States

Philadelphia

Sir

Your communication of the 18th inst. enclosing a slip from one of the N.Y. papers, was recd. two days since. It required some time, especially in a press of ~~other~~ business, to consider what answer should or could be made, to so grave and surprising an allegation, ~~at~~ the force of which is condensed in the caption of "False Mintage." As to accuracy of assaying and melting, I confidently affirm that there is not a mint in the world, which ~~show~~ can show a stricter faithfulness to the legal standards, than has been maintained here, for a ~~considerable~~ long series of years ~~in the gold coinage~~.

I have taken steps to ascertain whether the statement is true, that the Bank of England ~~refuses~~ does not receive our gold coin without previous melting and assay; ~~but~~ Supposing it to be true, as I have very little doubt it is, there are two ways of accounting for the fact, which ~~might at least~~ should have caused any writer, understanding his subject, to hesitate, before ~~issuing~~ publishing a wholesale discredit of the national currency, and wounding the reputation and the feelings of those who are entrusted with its manufacture.

The first is, that within the past 16 years, we have had three various standards, established by law, for our gold coin; first, up to June 1834, it was 22 carats, or 916⅔ thousandths; at that time it was reduced to 899,225 th.; and in January 1837, there was a further change, to the more simple proportion of ~~the~~ 900 thousandths; or nine-tenths. Of this fact, I have been surprised to find, that even our most intelligent dealers in foreign exchange, have not a clear apprehension; & it is not therefore wonderful, if the Bank of England, unwilling to take the trouble of discriminating by dates & devices, should use the shorter course of melting down & assaying. –

The other solution, & rather more probable, (tho' ~~both~~ they may coexist with each other) is ~~this~~, that it is contrary to usage, every where, for ~~one mint~~ the mint of one country to take the coins of another, by tale, or at the alleged fineness; ‡ The Bank of England, you are aware, is the ~~sole~~ channel thro' which the Mint of E. is supplied with material, & the two institutions being ~~are~~ closely, connected ~~allied~~. ‡ ~~Our own laws, by~~ It is not done here; we receive the gold sovereign, not at its alleged fineness, which it does not reach allow ~~come up to~~, but at its actual assay, after melting. In a matter of this kind, there is no courtesy to be wasted, on one side or the other. ‡ The was been

You will perceive then, that we have been ~~wrongly~~ charged with false mintage, ~~be~~ and the currency of the country has been disgraced, because we have followed the various standards enacted by law, or else, because the Mint of England, like all other mints, takes our coin upon their own assay, and not upon our testimony.

Allow me, in concluding, to express my obligations to you for ~~the frank and bon~~ frankness ~~with which you~~ having made me acquainted with ~~so injurious a~~ this charge, and thus enabled me to repel it.

Newyork 22d Nov. 1849

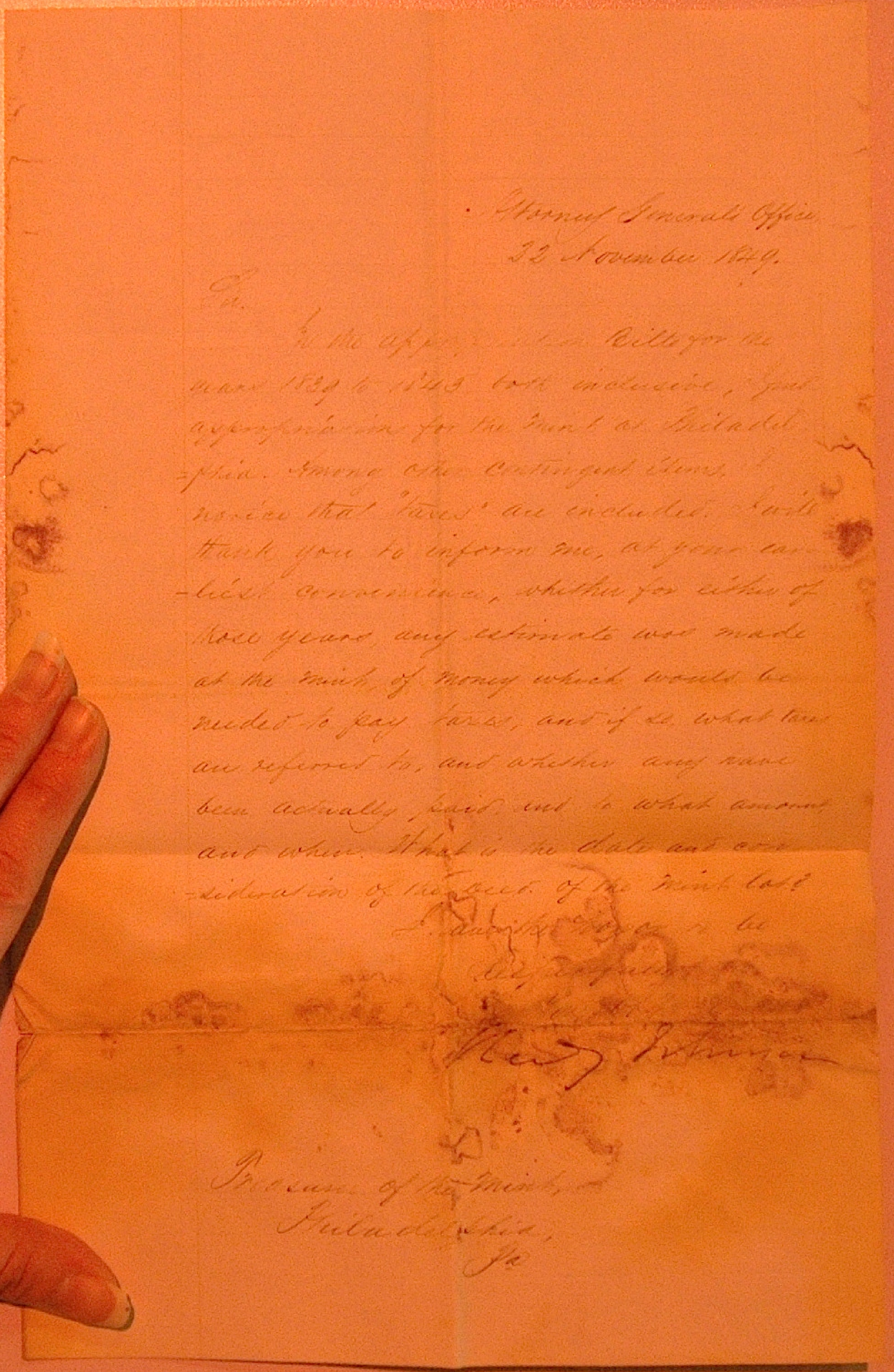
Edwd Sprague Esq
U. S. Mint
Phila

Sir

I duly received your receipt for 2535 50/100 Gold dust – No. 1813 dated 14th Nov. This amount is short of Bills Lading which calls for 2541 2/13 oz:

I have not yet received the assay, and will thank you to forward one as early as practicable

Your obdt Servt
Fred. R. Delano



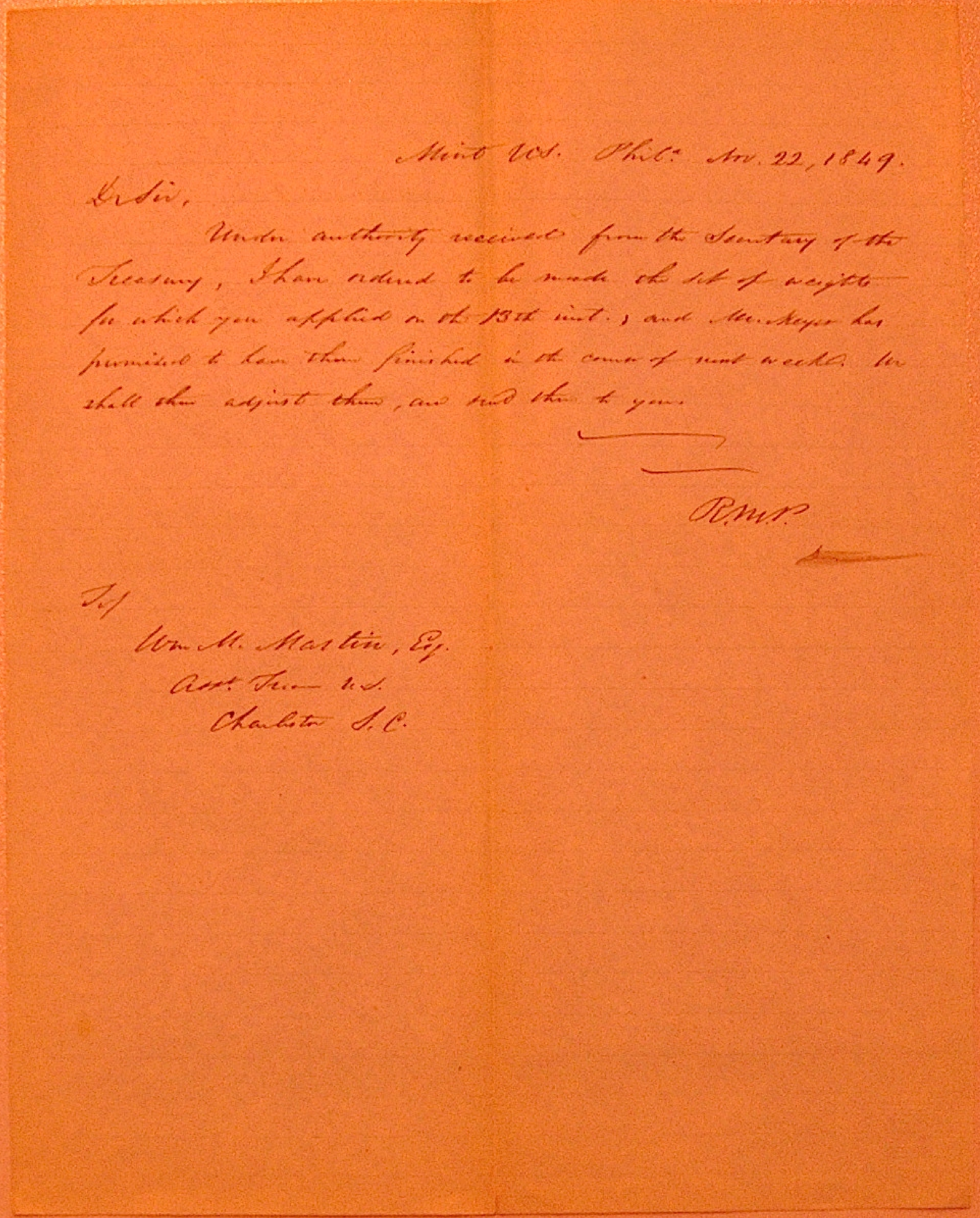
Attorney General's Office
22 November 1849.

Sir,

In the Appropriation Bills for the years 1839 to 1848 both inclusive, I find appropriation for the Mint at Philadelphia. Among other contingent items, I notice that "taxes" are included. I will thank you to inform me, at your earliest convenience, whether for either of those years any estimate was made at the Mint, of money which would be needed to pay taxes, and if so, what taxes are referred to, and whether any have been actually paid, and to what amount and when. What is the date and consideration of the deed of the Mint lot?

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
[illegible]
Reverdy Johnson

Treasurer of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa



Mint U.S. Phila. Nov. 22, 1849.

Dr Sir,

Under authority received from the Secretary of the Treasury, I have ordered to be made the set of weights for which you applied on the 13th inst.; and Mr. Meyer has promised to have them finished in the course of next week. We shall then adjust them, and send them to you.

R.M.P.

To/

Wm. M. Martin, Esq.
Asst. Treas. U.S.
Charleston S.C.

New York Nov 21/49

Jno W. Edelman Esq

D Sir — I have not yet recd. the memorandum of gold dust on my deposit No 1788 — Will you be kind enough to send it to me — If ready — About what time do you think I can send for the coin — Your attention will much oblige your Servt

David Barnet
64 Dey St. N.Y.

Mint of the United States,
Philada, November 21. 1849.

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 19th inst. and carefully considered its contents. I beg to state that your construction of the 19th Section of the Act of Jany 18, 1837, will be found on further examination, to be inaccurate. It is stated that you understand this section to require the memorandum and certificate from the Assayer to contain "1st. A statement of the Standard weight as ascertained by the Assayer of each deposite," &c. The Assayer's report only states the fineness of the gold, and if any, the amount of silver contained therein and the deductions. The gross weight of the deposite is ascertained by the Treasurer and from the report of the Assay and deductions made by the Assayer from the small piece of bullion delivered to that officer, in accordance with the 16th Section of the Act above named, the Treasurer ascertains the value of the deposite. It is therefore quite evident that the weight referred to, in the 19th Section, is the gross and not the Standard weight.

In reference to the point suggested that the exhibition of the Standard weight of each deposite is necessary or useful as furnishing a means of testing the accuracy of the Mint accounts with depositors, I would respectfully state, that the ascertainment of the standard weight is a matter of calculation only and is itself subject to error, and therefore the presentation of the gross weight and fineness, together with the deduction furnish the only check upon the accuracy of the accounts. These details are presented in the reports sent by me to the Department and they form the only basis of a proper verification. The ascertainment of a correspondence between the standard weights and values would prove nothing as to the accuracy of the accounts, since if the standard weights were themselves wrong, the values would be in like manner wrong. If we were to follow the old forms of abstracts, in which the net value only was placed opposite the standard weight, a new source of confusion would arise, since in every case where deductions are made, which occurs now in nearly every deposite, the value and standard weight would show no correspondence. Perhaps you have overlooked the fact that though the standard weights are not stated by items, the aggregate is presented at the foot of the abstracts. If your calculations should show that this aggregate & the aggregate value correspond, it is impossible that there should not have been a correspondence in the particular items, unless in the highly improbable case of a compensation of errors.

I have thus briefly endeavored to show: 1st. that the law does not require the presentation of the standard weight in each deposite and 2d. that it is unnecessary, inconvenient and useless to do so, and would present no checks to test the accuracy of the accounts with depositors.

I beg to add that our system of verification is such as to render any error highly improbable: there are two separate and independent calculations made here; one by the Clerk denominated the Treasurer's Clerk, who is signally accurate and verifies them by his signature, the other by the Director's Clerk, who carefully vouches each statement. I deem this proper to state to you, and in connexion therewith to say, that I am desirous that the severest scrutiny should be exercised by the Accounting Department at Washington in the adjustment of the accounts, and I hope I have been able to show that this object can be attained from the manner in which they were presented for the last quarter.

I will be pleased to give you any further explanation or information which you may require, should this communication be in any point unsatisfactory.

I have the honor to be with great
Respect, Yr. Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Jas. R. Snowden.
Treasurer

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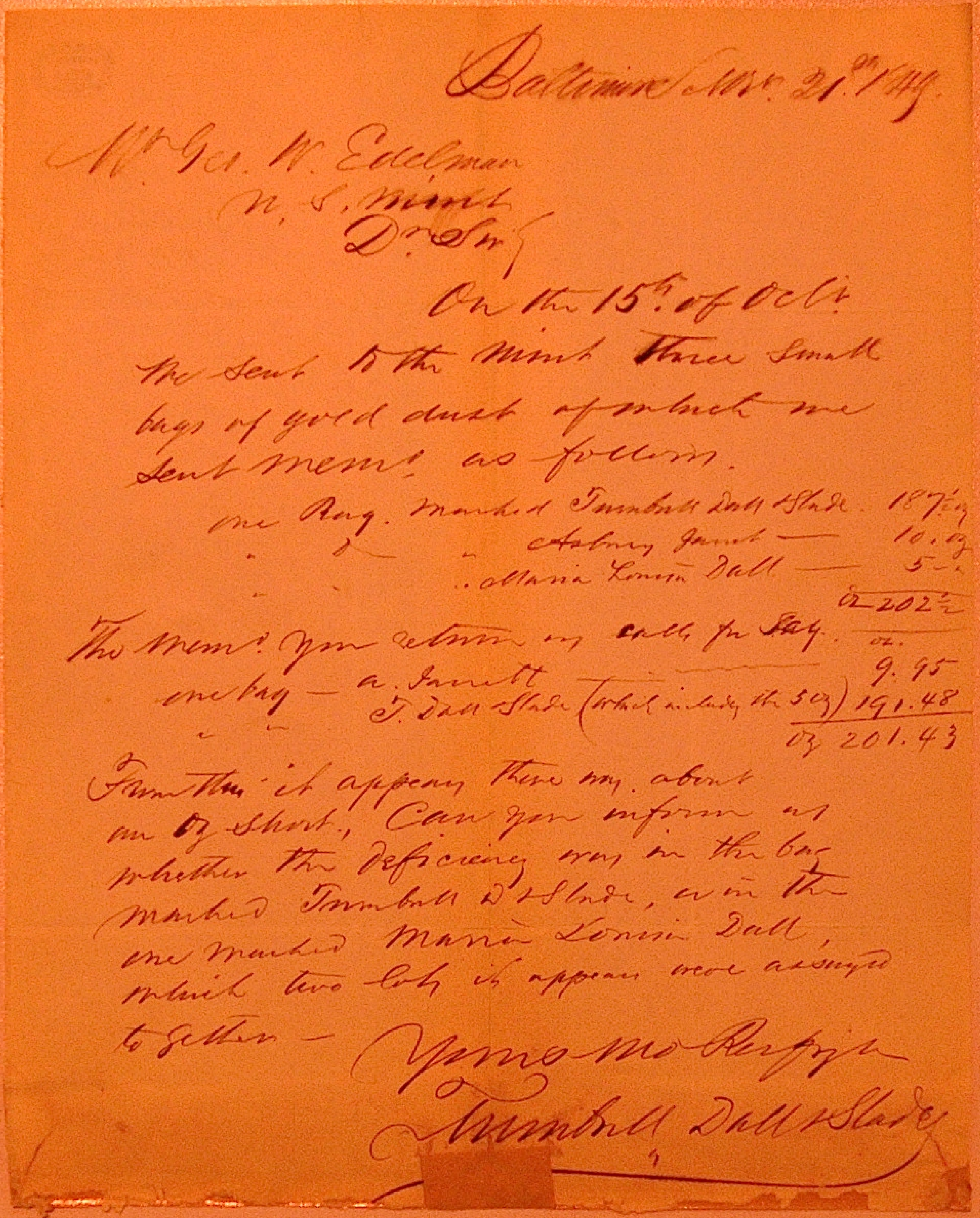


Baltimore Nov. 21st 1849

Mr. Geo. W. Edelman
U. S. Mint
Dr Sir

On the 15th of Octr we sent to the Mint three small bags of gold dust of which we sent mem: as follows.

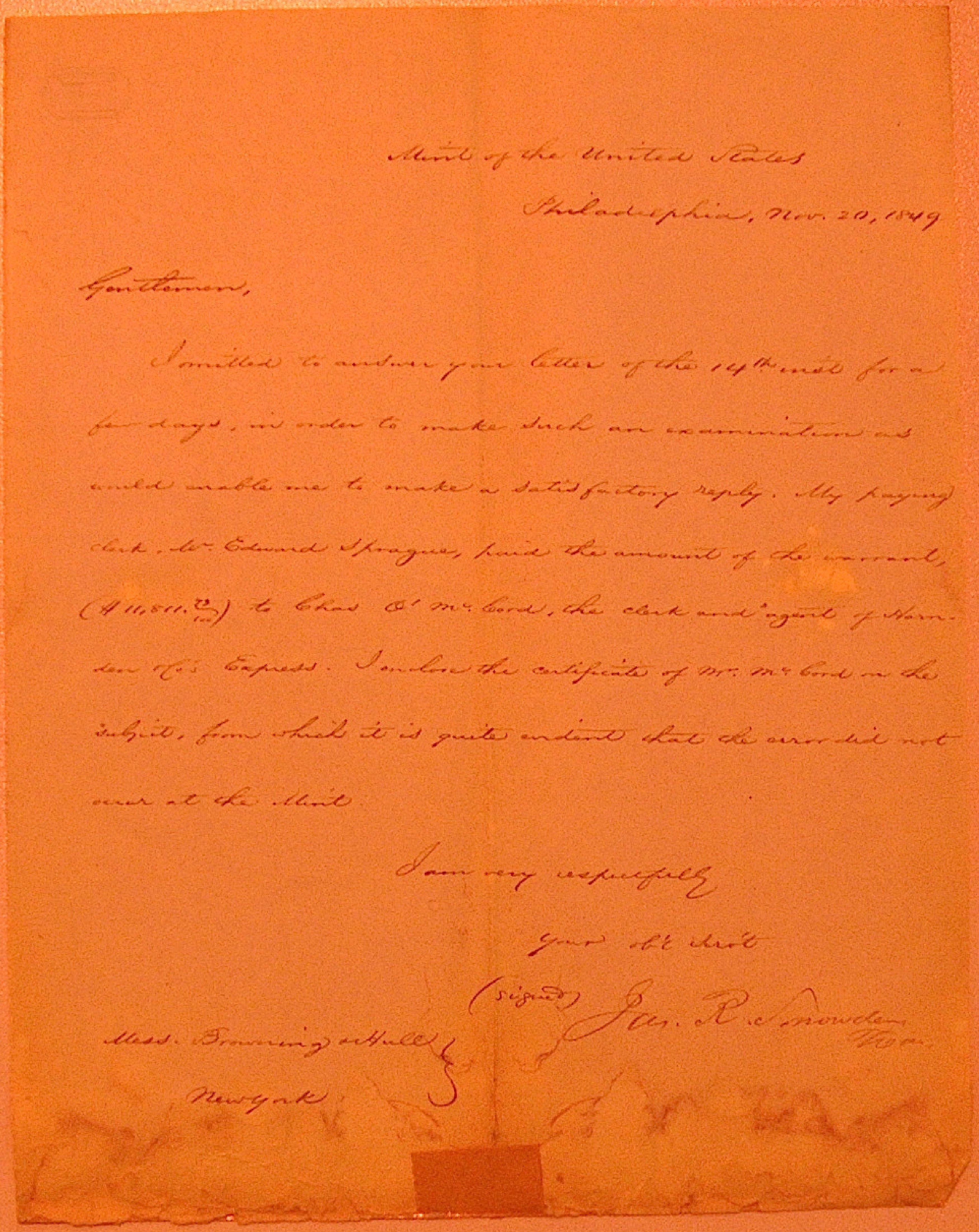
one Bag. marked	Trumbull Dall & Slade.	187½ oz
" d° "	Aubrey Jarrett —	10. oz
" "	Maria Louisa Dall —	5 "
		oz 202½

The mem: you return us calls for say. oz.

one bag —	A. Jarrett	9.95
" "	T. Dall & Slade (which includes the 5 oz)	191.48
		Oz 201.43

From this it appears there was about an Oz short, Can you inform us whether the deficiency was in the bag marked Trumbull D & Slade, or in the one marked Maria Louisa Dall, which two lots it appears were assayed together —

Yours mo Respy
Trumbull Dall & Slade



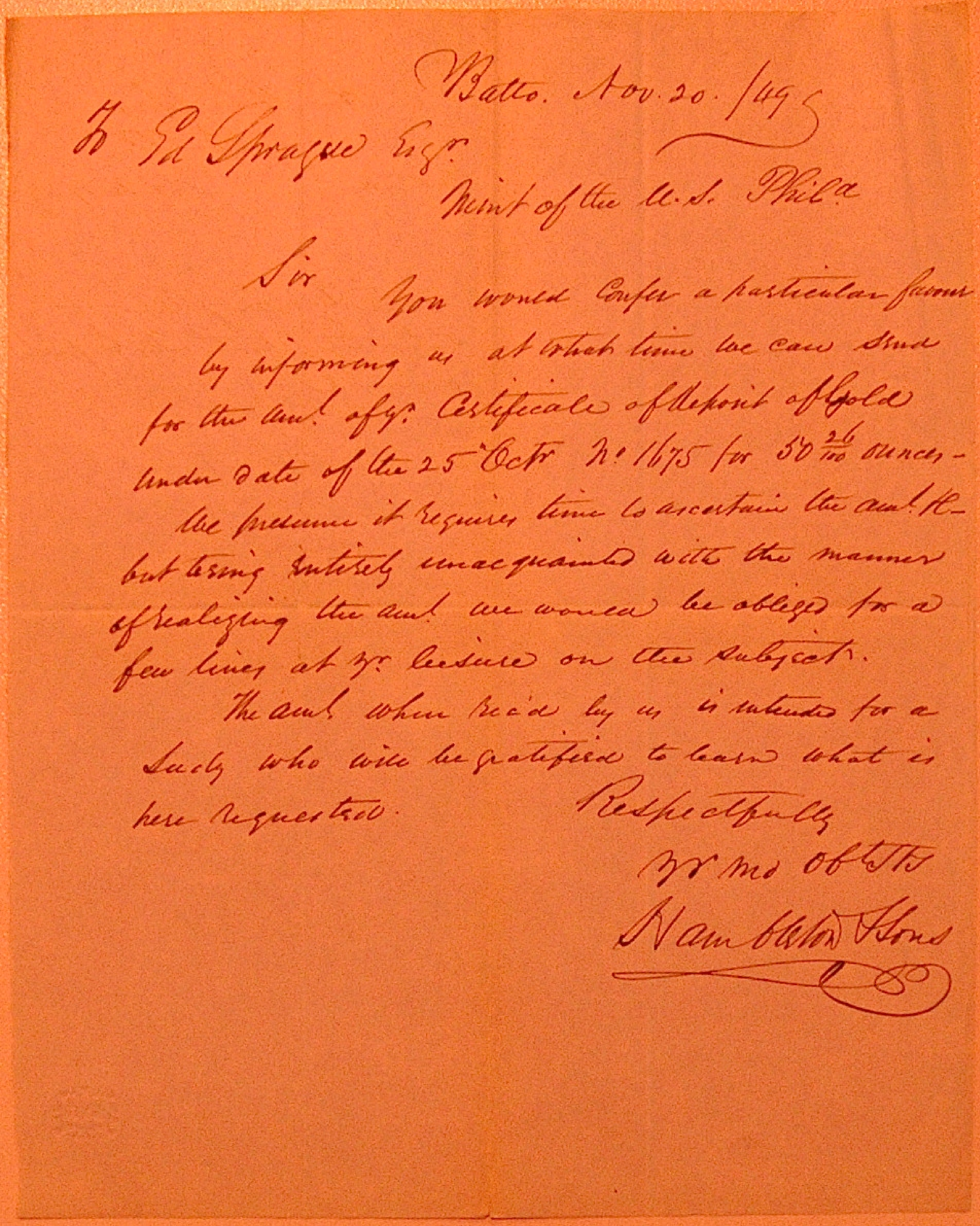
Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Nov. 20, 1849

Gentlemen,

I omitted to answer your letter of the 14th inst for a few days, in order to make such an examination as would enable me to make a satisfactory reply. My paying clerk, Mr Edward Sprague, paid the amount of the warrant, ($11,811.20/100) to Chas O. McCord, the clerk and agent of Harnden & Co's Express. I enclose the certificate of Mr. McCord on the subject, from which it is quite evident that the error did not occur at the Mint

I am very respectfully
Your obt servt
(signed) Jas. R. Snowden
Treas.

Mess. Browning & Hall
New York



Balto. Nov. 20. 1849

To Ed Sprague Esqr.
Mint of the U.S. Phila.

Sir

You would confer a particular favour by informing us at what time we can send for the amt. of yr. Certificate of Deposit of Gold under date of the 25 Octr. No. 1675 for $50\frac{26}{100}$ ounces —

We presume it requires time to ascertain the amt. &c — but being entirely unacquainted with the manner of realizing the amt. we would be obliged for a few lines at yr. leisure on the subject.

The amt. when rec'd by us is intended for a Lady who will be gratified to learn what is here requested.

Respectfully
Yr mo Obt Svts
Hambleton & Sons

Treasury Department
Nov 19th 1849

Sir

A letter has been just received from the Assistant Treasurer at Charleston S. Ca., advising that the set of scales purchased through your kind offices had come into his custody, but were unavailable for want of a set of suitable weights.

Nothing having been previously stated by him in regard to weights, I had presumed that those previously in use were sufficient. But the fact now appearing to be otherwise, I am desirous that he be furnished with an accurate set which will enable him to weigh, say the value of $5000 in foreign gold coin at one draft at least.

He suggests that you have informed him that a set of weights suited to the scales may be obtained for $40. If an accurate set that will weigh the amount above mentioned, can be bought for not exceeding that sum I will thank you to purchase & have them forwarded in the same manner as the scales, & send the bill of cost for payment.

Very respectfully
your obt. Servt
W. M. Meredith
Secretary of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
November 19. 1849

James R. Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Phila.

Sir

Your accounts and letters to the 1st Auditor of the 26th October and 6th November, have been referred by him to the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary has referred them to the Comptroller to prescribe the manner in which the accounts shall be kept, and your reports made to the accounting Officers.

The old mode of making the Report of the Treasurer for the action of the accounting Officers, was to give the Standard Weight as well as the value of the Bullion in the separate columns, to enable them to compare them together in order to test their accuracy.

It appears to me that it would be an entirely useless formality for the accounting Officers, to pass upon the accounts unless the Standard Weight as well as the value of each deposit is given, that it would be a mere nominal approval by them of [illegible] deposits [illegible] of the Officers of the Mint without the means of testing their accuracy, or correcting their errors if any should occur.

Section 19 of the act of January 18th 1837. Laws United States vol. 9 p. 580. prescribes that the metal shall be assayed and the weight of the Bullion ascertained, (that must mean the Standard Weight) from which the Treasurer is to estimate the whole value of each deposite and also the amount of the charges or deductions if any: of all which he shall give a detailed memorandum to the depositor: and he shall also give at the same time, a certificate of the nett amount to be paid in coins &c

Now I understand this Section to require the memorandum and certificate to contain.

1st a statement of the Standard weight as ascertained by the assayer, of each deposite –

2d the whole value of each deposite estimated by the Treasurer from the standard weight, as reported by the assayer.

3d the amount of the charges or deductions, if any, and 4th the nett amount of the deposite to be paid in coins.

All this, it appears to me should be entered of record and appear in your report, in separate columns.

In your blanks marked A accompanying your letter of [illegible] 20th the following items are contained in the Assayers report, and the action of the Treasurer upon it.

1st. Gross Weight. 2d Fineness 3d Silver parting 4th Deductions. 5th Value of Gold. 6th Value of Silver, 7th deductions, and 8th Nett Mint Value as ascertained in the certificate.

If reference is made to the form of memorandum of Gold Bullion deposited &c accompanying your letter, the following are the entries.

1st Weight before melting
2d Weight after melting
3d Fineness
4th Silver parting
5th Value of the Gold
6 Value of Silver
7th deductions
& 8th nett Mint value to be paid in coin.

Section 19 of the statute must be construed in connection with Section 16. 17. 20. 21. 23. & 24.

On getting the quality of standard as provided in Section 17, the Standard Weight is a matter of deduction, or calculation, the same as the Value is, and it is to be deduced before an estimate can be made of the value the latter being based on the former, and when the Standard Weight is ascertained, it strikes me, it would be most convenient to enter it on the books together with the Value and the deductions or charges, leave off the gross weight before and after melting and use the fineness thus establishing [illegible] for these and [illegible]

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In all the accounts of the Treasurer with the Melter and Refiner, ~~and~~ with the Chief Coiner, as made to this Office, under Sections 20. 21. 23. & 24 this Course seems to be pursued, and the Standard Weight as well as the value is returned, and the Gross Weight is omitted.

If it is Convenient to keep the accounts so with the Melter & Refiner, and with the Chief Coiner, I do not see why it is not equally so with the depositor, and thus have a uniform System, and render the accounts to the accounting Officers accordingly in a uniform mode. But whether it is convenient or not, if a proper System of checks require it, it must be done, for a proper system, and the public security is of more importance, than a saving of a trifling expense in the mode of keeping the accounts, and making your reports.

To obviate the difficulty arising from the mixture of Silver in California Gold, I suggest that the account of deposites be made in the Treasurers Books, and reported to the accounting Officers in separate Columns as follows.

1st the Standard Weight in ounces and decimals

of Gold according to the assayers Report.
2d the Standard Weight in Ounces &c of the Silver
3d the estimate value in the aggregate of the Gold Silver together
4th the amount of charges or deductions for parting &c and
5th the nett value to be paid in Coin to the depositor.

If your paper is not large enough to keep the five Columns Number and date of deposite and name of depositor on the same page, you can let them extend over two pages, or make two reports, one containing Columns Nos 1. 2 & 3 the other's Nos 4 & 5 as above suggested — In this form the account for Gold and Silver Bullion, can in all cases be kept together their value being carried out, the value of each being the subject of deduction from the Standard Weight, in the separate Columns of the Weight of each. And when Silver only is deposited there would be a blank, in the Column giving the Weight of Gold, and when pure Gold is deposited, there would be a blank, in the Column of the Weight of Silver.

Please write me, and give me your views and reasons for and against each one of [illegible] and suggestions I have [illegible] me in coming to a correct conclusion in the matter, and I will wait your communication before I make a final determination of the question.

Very respectfully
Yours
Elisha Whittlesey

Mint U.S., Phil., Nov. 17, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to send the enclosed letters from Mr. James Pass of New York, and F. C. Treadwell Esq. of this City, in reference to the making and passing of spurious copper coins by certain persons in the city of New York.

About twelve years ago, similar manufactories were in operation, also in New York, and no less than twenty-two varieties of copper coins were sent to me. The existence of this unlawful coinage was made known to the Treasury Department, and was thence referred to the Attorney General, through whose action the evil was readily corrected. This, as I believe, was done by merely calling public attention to the penalties to which those are subjected who offer or receive these spurious coins in payment. It is probable that the manufacturers and distributers of these coins may not have known that the business was illegal, in as much as the spurious cents were not direct imitations of the true ones. But the provisions in the 2d Section of the Act of May 8th 1792, and the 20th and 21st Sections of the Act of March 3d, 1825, are conclusive in the case.

R. M. P.
Dr.

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

New York Nov. 12. 1849

Mr Treadwell

Dear Sir,

Yours came duly to hand. I have taken some pains and believe I have succeeded in finding the location of our N York Mints. I'm certain that large quantities of cents are made here, and put into circulation, (we have now thousands of thousands of dollars in this city and the stock daily increasing. These cent makers are in companies and amongst them are Jews who get them into circulation amongst their brethren the Pawn brokers. Some of these pawn brokers sell from 200 to 500 dollars weekly and pay them out at 96 to dollar to people who are unsuspecting to come within their grasp. I have applied to these Pawn brokers to sell my cents & have offered 103 for a dollar they have said they could do better by getting them from the Mint besides being new and clean (I suppose their hands are too clean to handle dirty pennies) for nearly 12 months I have not been able to sell scarcely any to Pawn brokers which proves that they must get them on better terms than I offer them at.

About 6 months since a man hired a room by the Congress mills 172 Forsyth St from Mr John Cowell for the purpose as he stated to manufacture cents for the Mint, instead of commencing to manufacture ~~cents for the mint~~ he brought in about 30 kegs of planchets which he stated the Mint had refused to stamp on account of them being tarnished he brightened them up by a Chemical process which took him nearly a month to do and when finished put them up in kegs again and sent them to one of our Mints this was last week. I have no doubt but they are in the act of being stamped at this time. Mr Cowell had the curiosity to follow them to the supposed mint and was admitted through the premises with the exception of one room which was kept private there are three other places in the same neighbourhood where the same business is transacted but perhaps the same company: there are others out of this state but not far from N. York. I have the names and locations of these manufactories and can furnish any officer who may call upon me if the U.S. Mint thinks my statements sufficient to warrant proceeding against the parties. On Friday evening last a girl called at a grocery in the Bowery for tea and paid 18 cts in new bright cents of 1849. she was asked where she got so many new pennies. Oh she said I got them out of the keg well where did the keg come from why we make them who makes them she tells the name of the parties and leaves her own name and address one of the parties named has been selling cents a long time at from 2½ to 15 p.ct under price. I have more information but consider this enough to trouble you or the U.S. Mint with at present. I have sent a few specimens the 5 bright ones are what the girl paid in the grocery which you may exhibit if you think proper

I am dear sir yours truly James Pack

77 Mott St.

The 5 specimen cents were stamped here and sold to ship among the others and a great many unstamped ones are mixed in also

Dear Sir,

You have a statement upon the other sheet which if you think will answer you will please show to the U.S. Mint. I supposed some brokers have all out by day if needed. You will please let me know what they say about it as soon as possible. I have not yet acquainted any of the other brokers or others interested as yet. I thought it better to keep quiet and catch them in the act, if the Mint will notice it.

I have given Mr Conely orders to pay you 10$ and you will please give him the enclosed letter

Yours truly
J. Parr

77 Mott St
N. Y.

Phila. Nov 15 1849

Dear Sir,

Enclosed are the letters of James Parr of 77 Mott St N. York which I exhibited to you at the Mint this morning. I have retained a copy of them. Mr Parr stated verbally to me that in his business as a biscuit baker he receives on an average per week the amount of four hundred dollars in cents over and above the amount of all he can pay out to his workmen and in other disbursements and that it costs him on an average the year round twelve dollars per week in discounts from the par value of these cents or as a premium for current funds. I have known Mr Parr since the year 1832 and consider him a man of integrity & a highly respectable mechanic.

I am dear sir very respectfully
your Ob. svt

F. C. Treadwell
101 South Front St.

James R. Snowden
Treas. U. S. Mint.
Phil

Mint of the United States.
Philada. Novr. 17, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a letter from James Parr of N. Y. and also one from F. C. Treadwell Esqr. of this City.

I have deemed the information therein contained of sufficient importance to bring to your notice, and also to suggest that the subject be referred to the District Attorney of the U. S. at New York, to ascertain whether the allegations are true, and if so whether the offenders come within the penal enactments contained in the 20th and 21st sections of the Act of Congress of March 3d 1825, relating to Counterfeit Copper Coins.

In case the matter is referred as above suggested, I will forward to the officer named the Copper pieces referred to in the letters enclosed and communicate such further information as he may deem advisable.

I have the honor to be
with great Respt. yr. obt. servt.
James Ross Snowden
Treasurer.

Honble.
W. M. Meredith
Secy Treasy U.S.

New York Nov. 17th 1849.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia,

Sir,

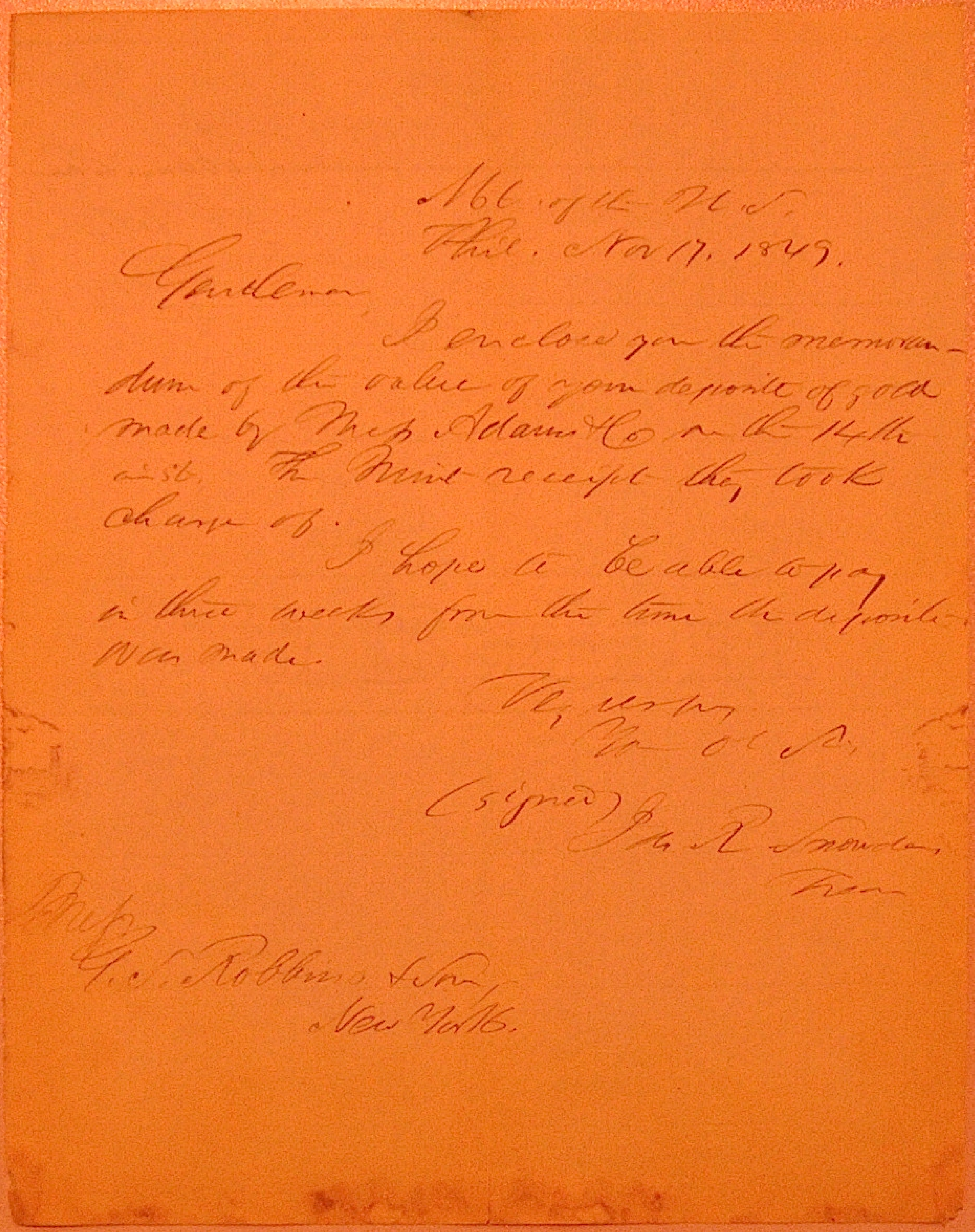
I send by "Wells & Co" Express two small packages S.A. Gold Dust the two are contained in a small Box the one marked A.B. – 188 Castellanos, the smaller one marked L.A. – both of which I desire to have Coined, and remitted to me, together with a certificate of each parcel separate, so that I may know the value of each one.

Please let me have the proceeds & certificates at your earliest Convenience, & oblige

Yours Respectfully

A. Hanabergh.

135 William St
"Washington Stores"
N.Y.



Mt. of the U.S.
Phil. Nov 17. 1849.

Gentlemen,

I enclose you the memorandum of the value of your deposite of gold made by Messrs Adams & Co. on the 14th inst. The Mint receipt they took charge of.

I hope to be able to pay in three weeks from the time the deposite was made.

Very respy
Yr ob. St.
(signed) Jas. R. Snowden,
Treas.

Messrs
G. C. Robbins & Son
New York.

Mint. U. S. Phil. Nov. 17/49

Dear Sir,

Our assayers, after a delay caused by an excess of business in their dep't have presented the follg. report on the three varieties of stone from Cala. which you had sent to besides those already reported upon

1. Slate [quote down to (Aug 1) from assayers note]

The specimen of Cinnabar which you saw at the Mint is of the same parcel which was sent to us by Mr. Marcy, in Dec. last, & which was assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt & Prof. Booth. The former "(taking a transverse section of the ore, which included the red, white & brown layers, — the red predominating), — there was obtained by the process of distillation, 31 per cent of mercury. The portion treated might be considered as a favorable working specimen." Prof. Booth found that the red ore contained 33.35 p.c. of metallic mercury; and the yellow 15.50. ——

&c.

Hon. Thomas Ewing
Sec. of Interior

In reply to Mr Ewing's letter of the 13th—

There were three varieties of stone from California, besides those already reported upon:

1. Slate, show~~ing~~ed a trace of gold, probably accidental.
2. Serpentine — free from gold.
3. Quartz, two trials made; one of 5 ozs, yielded 1½ milligrammes of gold; another of 22 ozs. showed only a trace. It bears the usual characters of the ferruginous quartz of gold regions, altho' so destitute of the metal.

As to the sulphuret of mercury, the information which we have is very little, beyond what comes thro' the public press. Our correspondent at San F. (Dr F.) writes — "In conseq. of the high price of labor, they have temporarily ceased ~~washing~~ working the famous Quicksilver Mine. — To all appearance, it will, at some future time, prove a source of wealth almost inexhaustible to the owners. — The enormous cost of loading a vessel with the ore, and the danger of salivation to the crew, altogether forbid the idea of shipping it abroad, as an article of merchandize." (Aug. 1.)

Mail paid

Treasurer of the U. S. Mint New York Nov. 16. 1849
- Philadelphia -

Dear Sir. We have a receipt in our possession for 141 64/00 oz. Gold - dated Octr 27/49 No. 1658 - fav. J. H. Thomas - which that gentleman informed us would be ready by or about this time - so that we could receive the proceeds - Please send us the Returns by next mail - or advise us when we can expect them - Your attention and reply will much oblige

Yrs very Respy -

Henry Smith & Tunnell

Dr R M Patterson

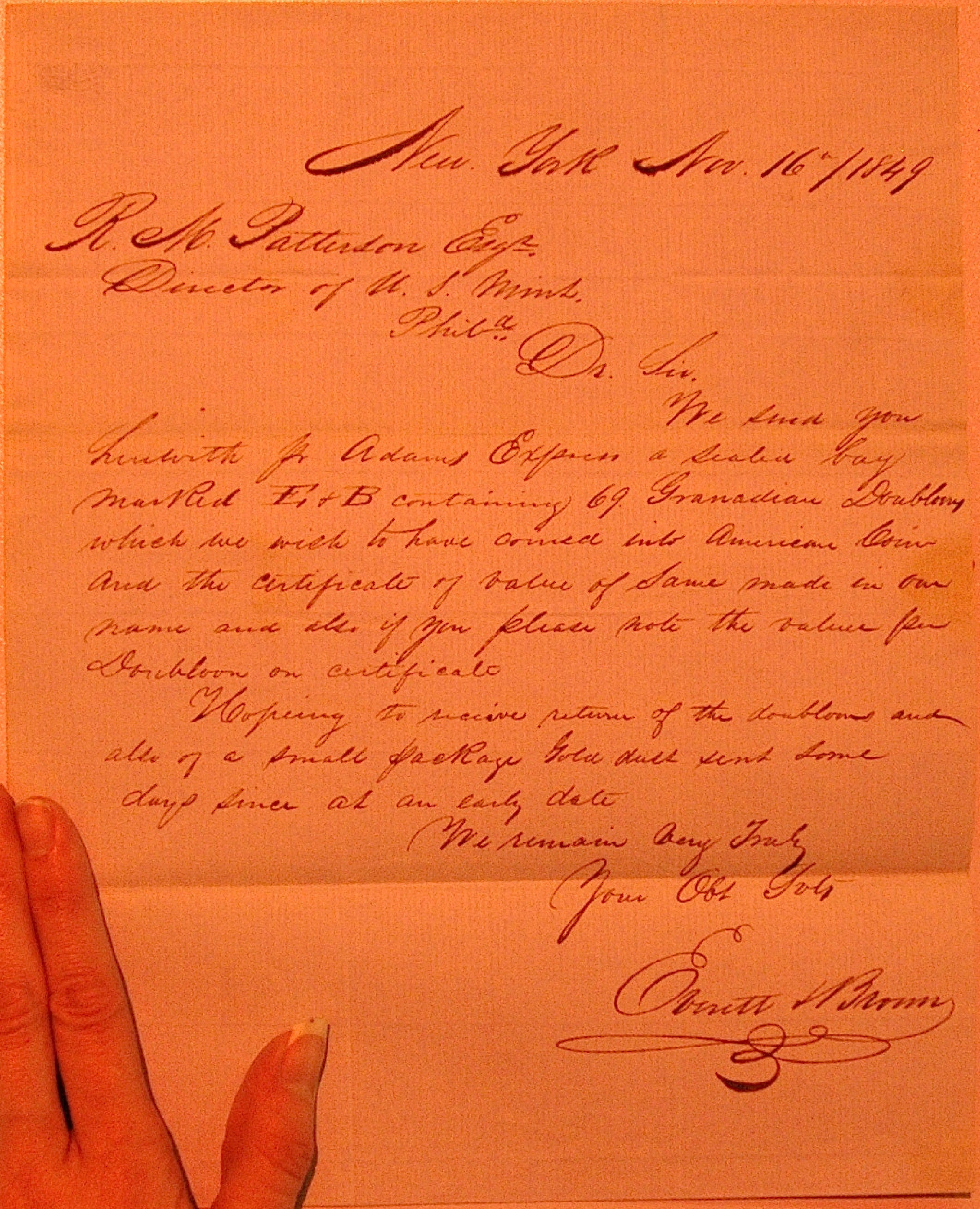
Director United States Mint

Sir

The undersigned workmen in the Mint would respectfully solicit from you a small increase in their wages as all our fellow workmen have received an increase in their wages we hope you will grant us the same favour which will be gratefully remembered by us

John Birnbaum
Wm M Bowen
William Gilchrist
Wm Long
John M Combs
Henry Schmitt
Chs Jacobs

Nov 26th



New York Nov. 16th/1849

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Director of U. S. Mint.
Phila.

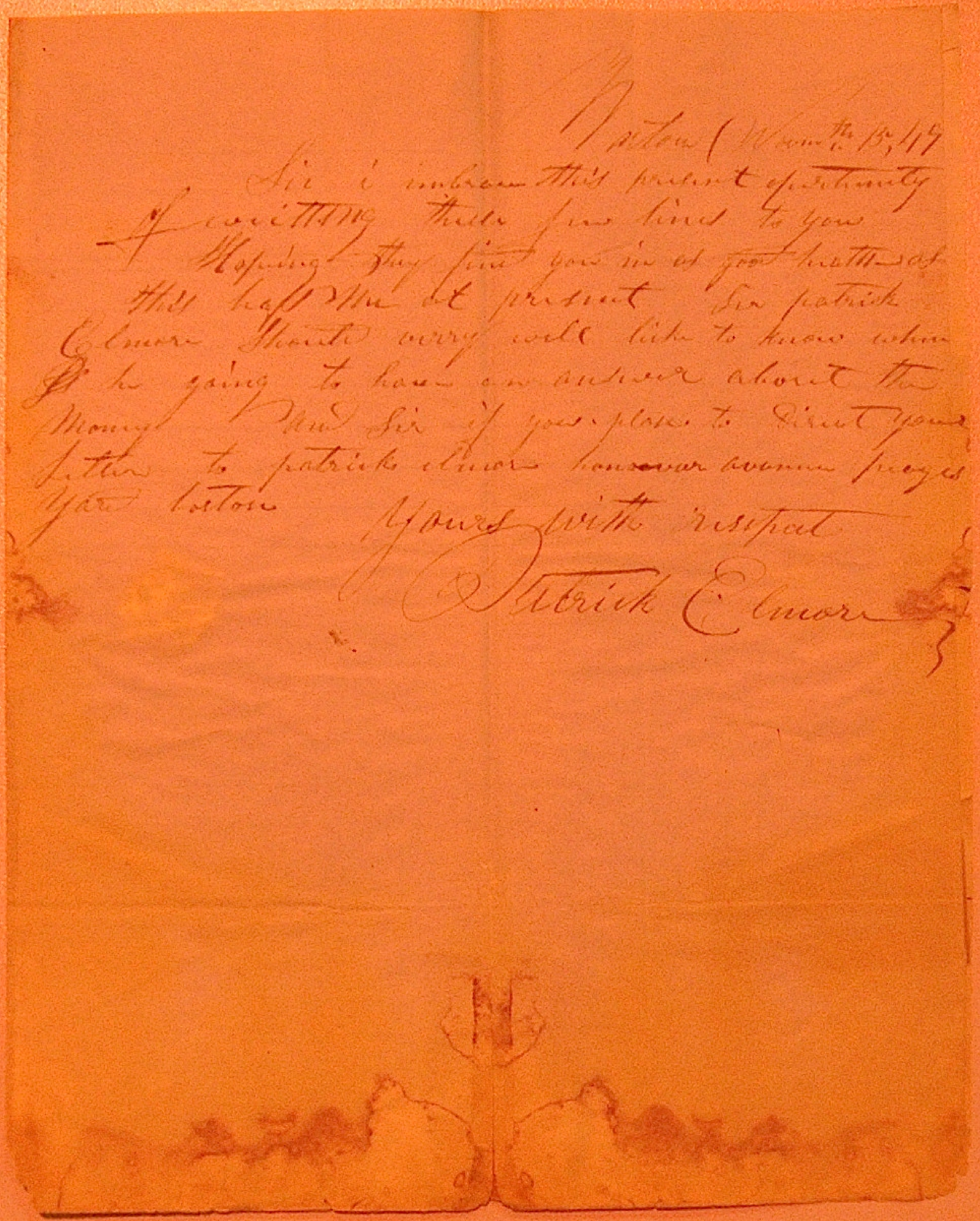
Dr. Sir.

We send you herewith pr Adams Express a Sealed bag marked E & B containing 69 Granadian Doubloons which we wish to have coined into American Coin And the certificate of value of Same made in our name and also if you please note the value per Doubloon on certificate

Hopeing to receive return of the doubloons and also of a small package Gold dust sent some days since at an early date

We remain Very Truly
Your Obt Svts

Everett & Brown



Boston (March 15, 49

Sir i embrace this present opportunity of writting these few lines to you Hoping they find you in as good health as this leaves me at present Sir patrick Elmore Should very well like to know when is he going to have an answer about the Money And Sir if you please to direct your letter to patrick elmore hanover avenue pierces yard boston

Yours with respect
Patrick Elmore

U. S. Gold Mint
Phil^a

N. York Nov 14. 1849

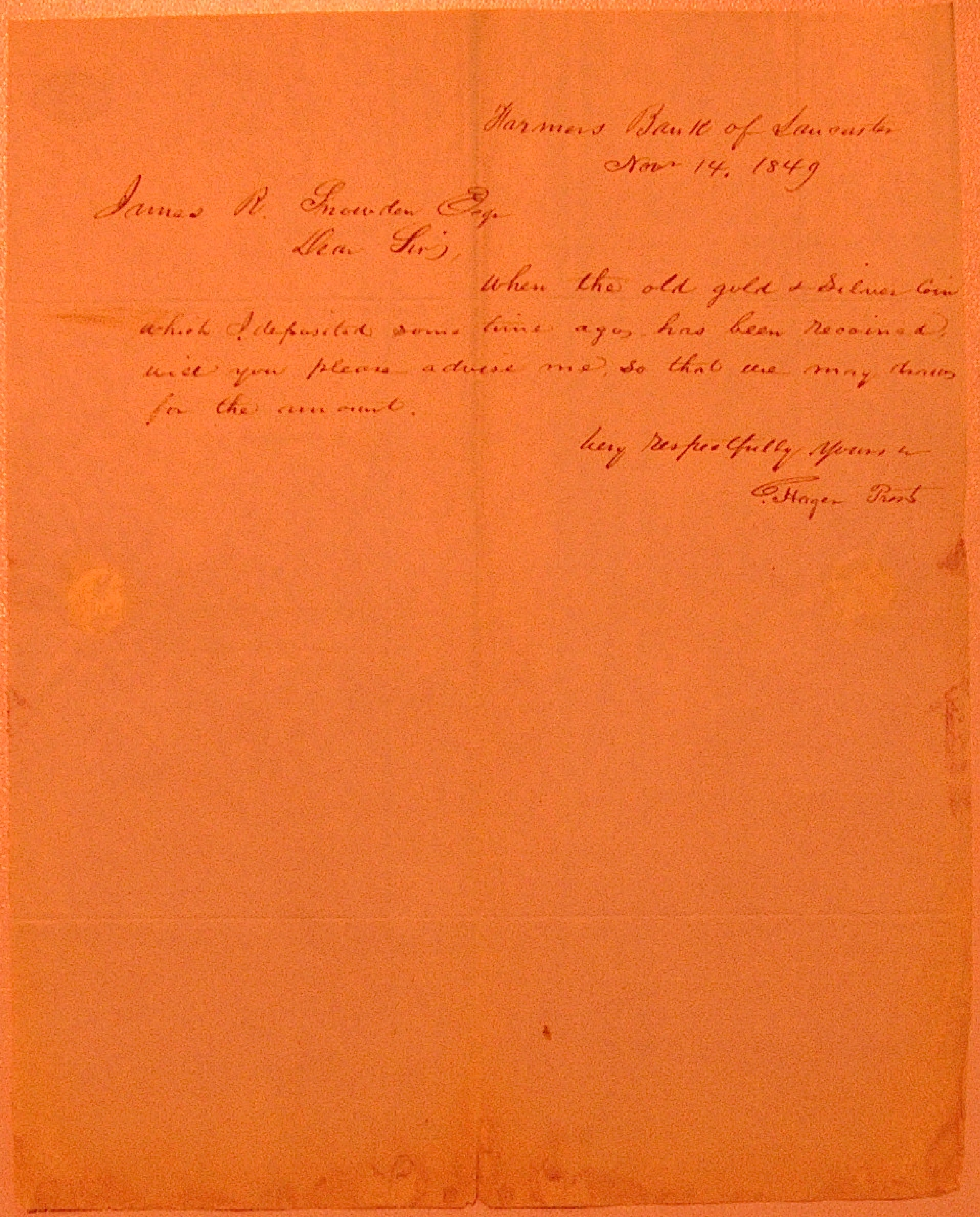
Gent^l. On Monday morning of this week Harden & Co. brought us three Bags of Gold all three of ~~them~~ sealed & in good order from you – on recept of them our J. H. Browning taking one Bag & our Book Keeper taking two Bags – (having made a certificate or memorandum of deposite for the Gold of $11 811.73) took the same in the same good order which we rec'd it to the Leather Manufacturers Bk & deposited the same as equal to $11 811.73 yesterday afternoon the Bank reported the same $10– Short – to all the above facts the said J. H. Browning & our Book Keeper Chs. M. Brower can testify

Respectfully Yours
Browning & Hull
per Jn^o. H. Browning

I certify to the above facts
Chas. M. Brower

The bags above referred to were duly examined and counted – two bags $5000 each were found to be correct, but the other, purporting to contain $1811.73 was short $10. The person usually employed in that department, and who is very accurate, observing the discrepancy immediately went over the count, & still found it short ten dollars and Mssrs Browning & Hull have credit accordingly $11.801.73.

Leather Manufacturers Bank
E. Platt Cashier
[illegible]



Farmers Bank of Lancaster
Nov 14. 1849

James R. Snowden Esq
Dear Sir,

When the old gold & Silver Coin which I deposited some time ago, has been received, will you please advise me, so that we may draw for the amount.

Very respectfully Yours &c
C. Hager Prest

Box marked "John De Witt Co 43 Liberty St
New york"
Wrapper endorsed "J. M. Morrison, Esq. Cashier of
Manhattan Company New york"

I certify that the box marked as above with a wrapper endorsed as above is the identical box received at the Mint of the United States in the city of Philadelphia, per Messrs Adams Co, containing gold belonging to Messrs John DeWitt Co and Messrs Beale, Melick & DeWitt.

(signed) James Ross Snowden

Treasurer U. S. Mint

Phila Nov. 14th 1849

I certifiy that the ~~that~~ box marked John De Witt Jr and referred to in a note signed James Ross Snowden ~~[illegible]~~ T. U.S.M addressed to Mess John De Witt Jr was opened by me, and that one of the tin cans had been perforated from the outside of the said box, and the hole made in the wooden box was stopped up with a wooden plug and sealed on the outside as it now is. And also that the gold had been taken out except 82 $\frac{70}{100}$ in can and 22 $\frac{51}{100}$ ℥ in leather pouch and also the box ~~&c~~ and cans are in the same condition as they were when received except that the cover of the wooden box was remove by taking out the screws and the Tin Canister opened by partially removing the top. One of the tin canisters ~~had~~ not been disturbed and the gold in it was found to weigh ~~ex~~ ~~exactly~~ ~~Troy~~ 750 oz Troy.

(Signed) Ed. Sprague
Clerk of Weigh-room

United States Mint.
Philadelphia, Nov. 14, 1849

New York. Nov 14. 1849.

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director U. S. Mint
Phil

Dr. Sir

Herewith we forward you by "Adams Express" a bag containing Four packages Gold dust and we request the Weight & Value of each package to be placed separate in the Certificate which you will please return in our name. as each package is for different interests

Viz One package W&T No 1
" " W&T " 2
" " Everett & Brown 3
" " E. & B " 4

We also enclose you one New Granadian Doubloon and beg you will inform us of the value of same at the Mint. as we have a quantity we should like to have coined. if found advisable+

We should esteem it a great favour if you could facilitate the assay of these little lots so as to inform us of the value thereof that we may advise the parties interested by an early opportunity. We beg to remain

Yours Truly
Everett & Brown

+ retd by Mr Newell, with statement of value
R. P.

1849. June 30.

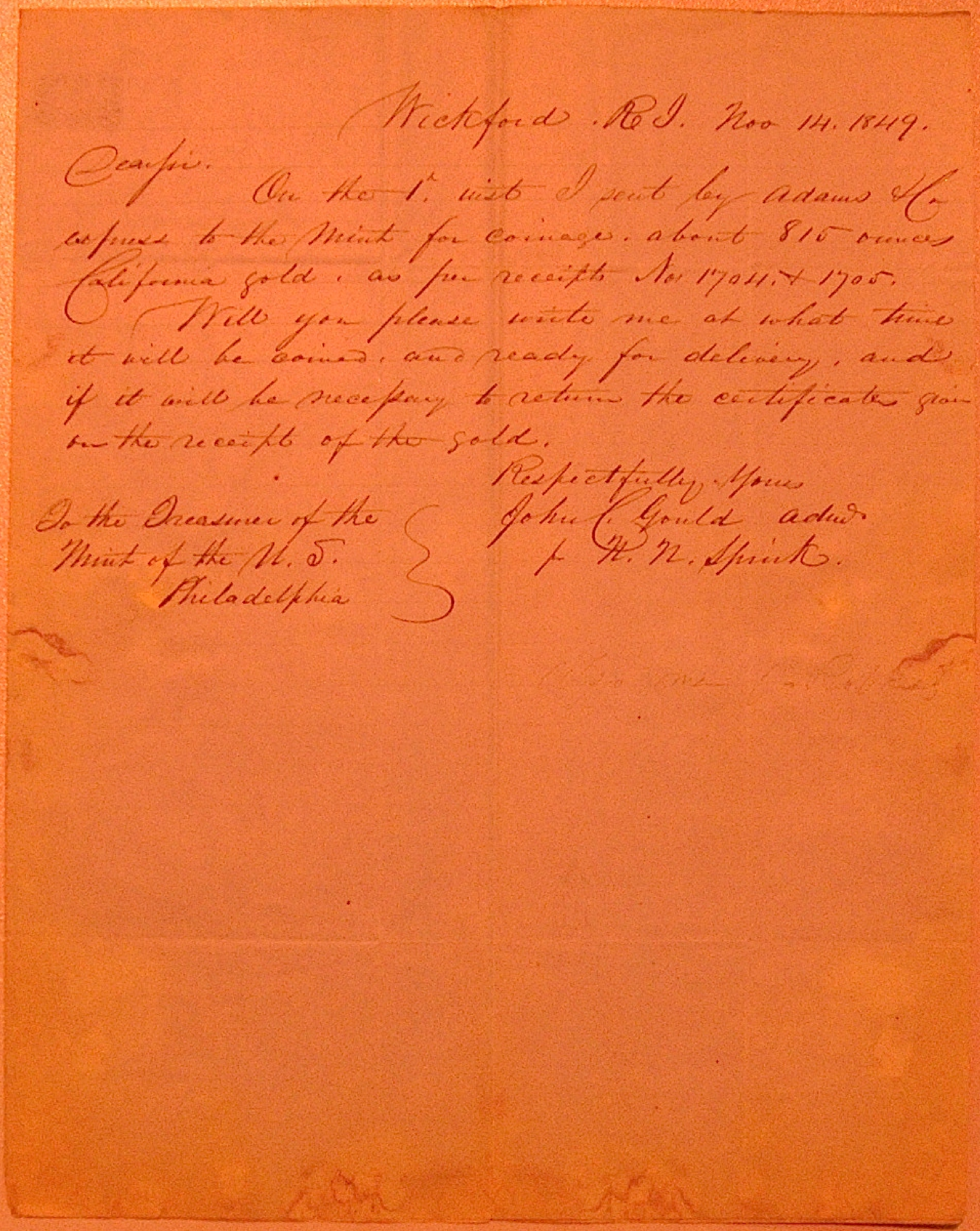
From/

~~Treasury Department~~
P. Clayton,
Second Auditor,
Treasury Department

With a letter enclosed, to C. C. Wright, covering a draft in his favor for $1000.

To/ C. C. Wright Esq
59 [illegible] St. N.Y.

Enclosing the above letter to answering his letter of the 21st inst.



Wickford. R.I. Nov 14. 1849.

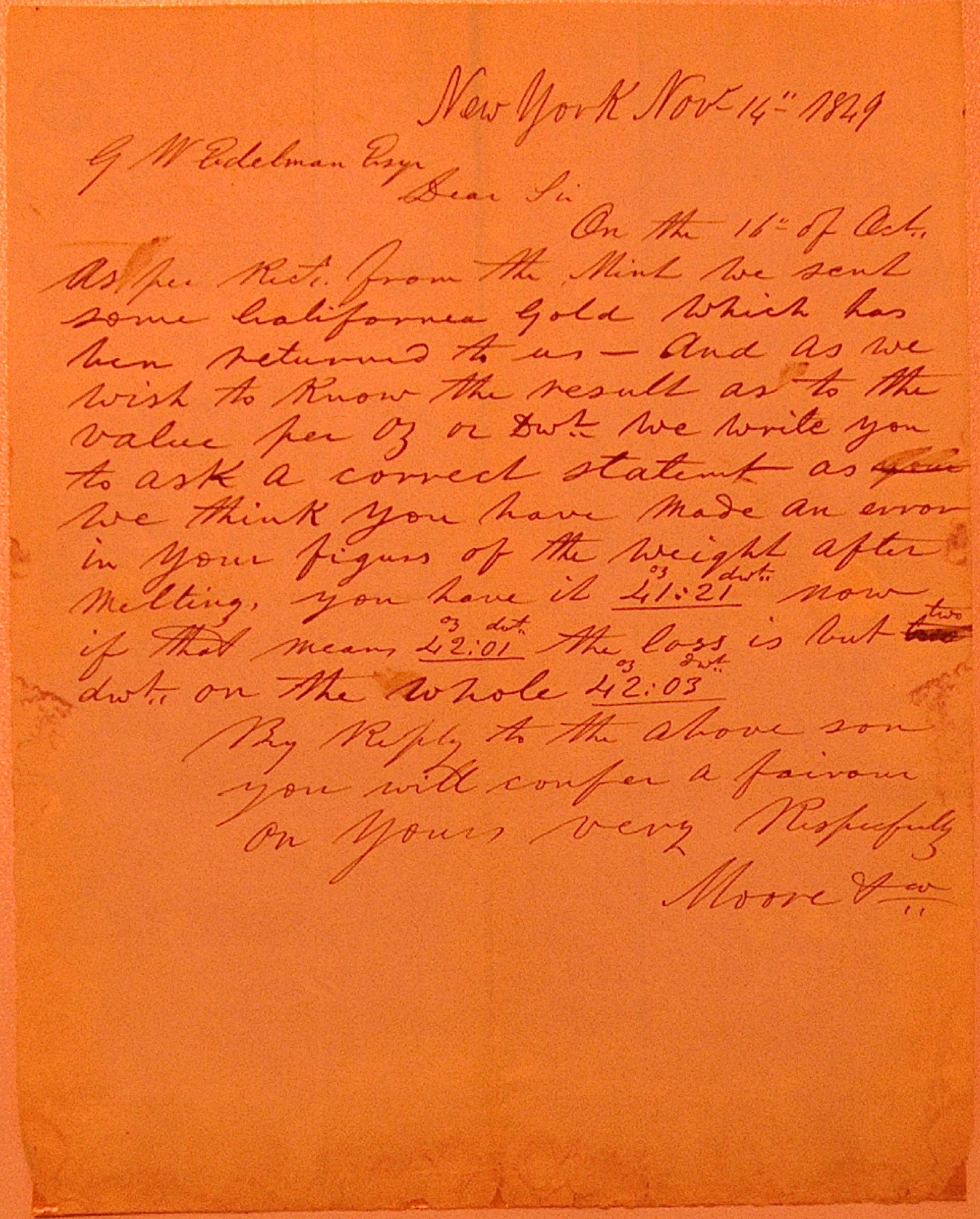
Dear Sir.

On the 1st inst I sent by Adams & Co express to the Mint for coinage, about 815 ounces California gold, as per receipts No 1704. & 1705.

Will you please write me at what time it will be coined, and ready for delivery, and if it will be neceſsary to return the certificate given on the receipt of the gold.

Respectfully Yours
John C. Gould admr
p W. N. Sprink.

To the Treasurer of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia



New York Novr. 14th 1849

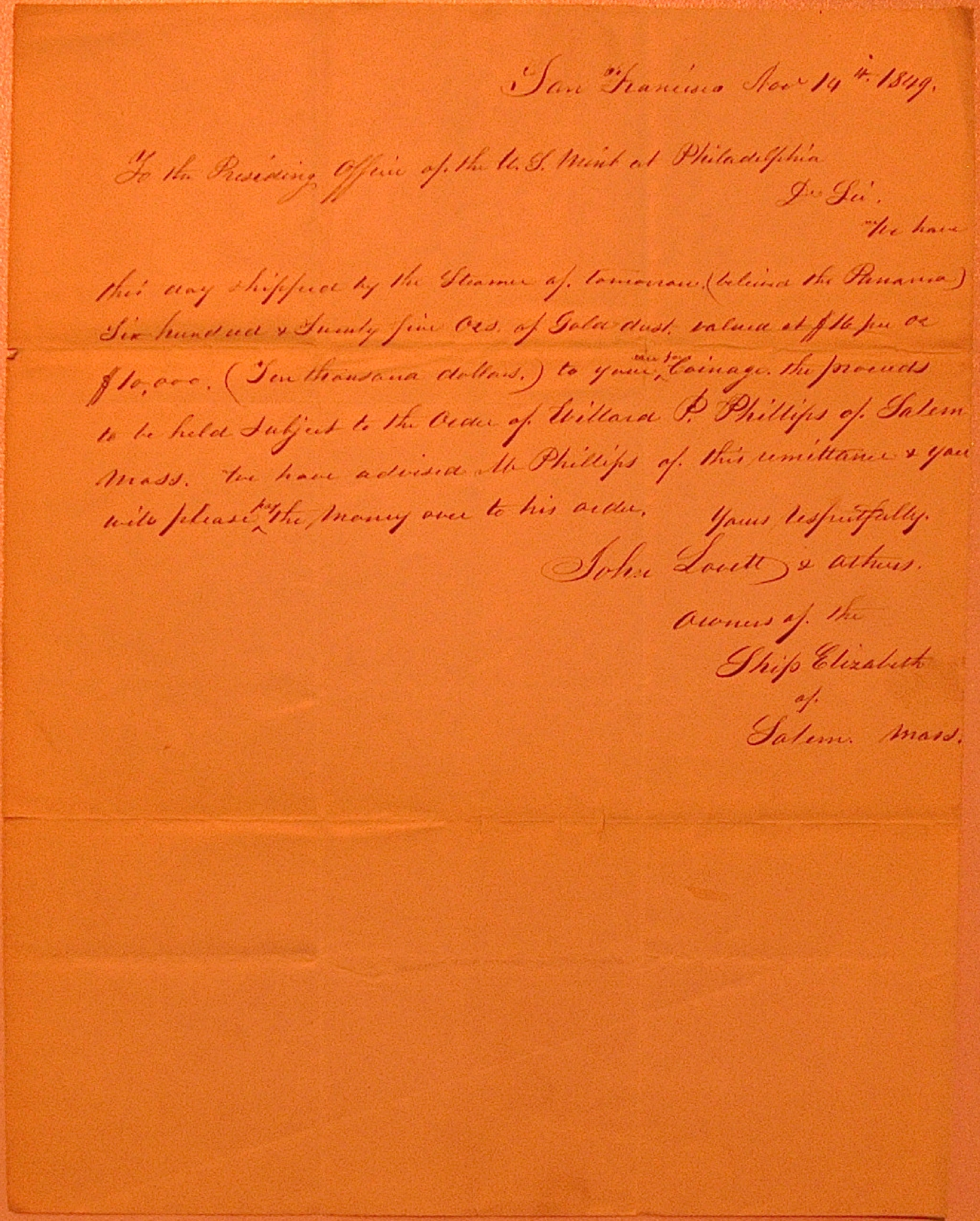
G W Edelman Esqr.

Dear Sir

On the 16th of Oct. As per Rect. from the Mint we sent some California Gold which has been returned to us — And as we wish to know the result as to the value per Oz or Dwt. we write you to ask a correct statement as ~~you~~ we think you have made an error in your figures of the weight after melting, you have it $\overset{oz}{41}:\overset{dwt}{21}$ now if that means $\overset{oz}{42}:\overset{dwt}{01}$ the loss is but ~~two~~ two dwt. on the whole $\overset{oz}{42}:\overset{dwt}{03}$

By Reply to the above soon you will confer a favour on Yours very Respectfully

Moore & Co



San Francisco Nov 14th 1849.

To the Presiding Officer of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia

Dr Sir.

We have this day shipped by the Steamer of tomorrow (believed the Panama) Six hundred & Twenty five Ozs. of Gold dust. valued at $16 per oz $10,000. (Ten thousand dollars.) to your use for Coinage. the proceeds to be held Subject to the Order of Willard P. Phillips of Salem Mass. We have advised Mr Phillips of this remittance & you will please pay the money over to his order.

Yours respectfully.

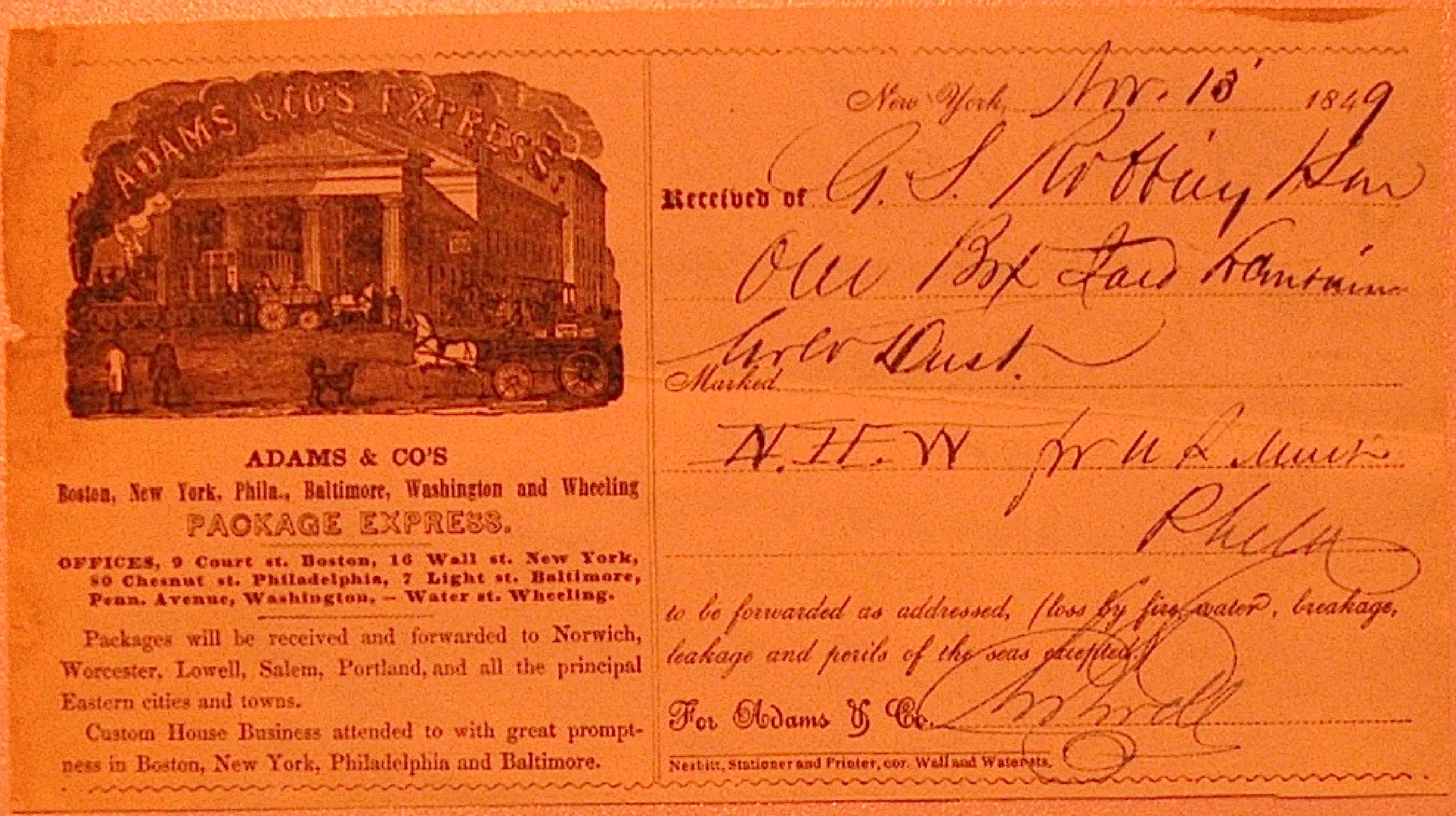
John Lovett & others.

Owners of the

Ship Elizabeth

of

Salem. Mass.



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Custom House Business attended to with great promptness in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

New York, Nov. 13 1849

Received of G. S. Robbins Son

One Box Said Containing

Gold Dust.

Marked

N. H. W for U S Mint

Phila

to be forwarded as addressed, (loss by fire, water, breakage, leakage and perils of the seas excepted.)

For Adams & Co.

Nesbitt, Stationer and Printer, cor. Wall and Water sts.

Department of the Interior,
Washington,
Nov. 13. 1849.

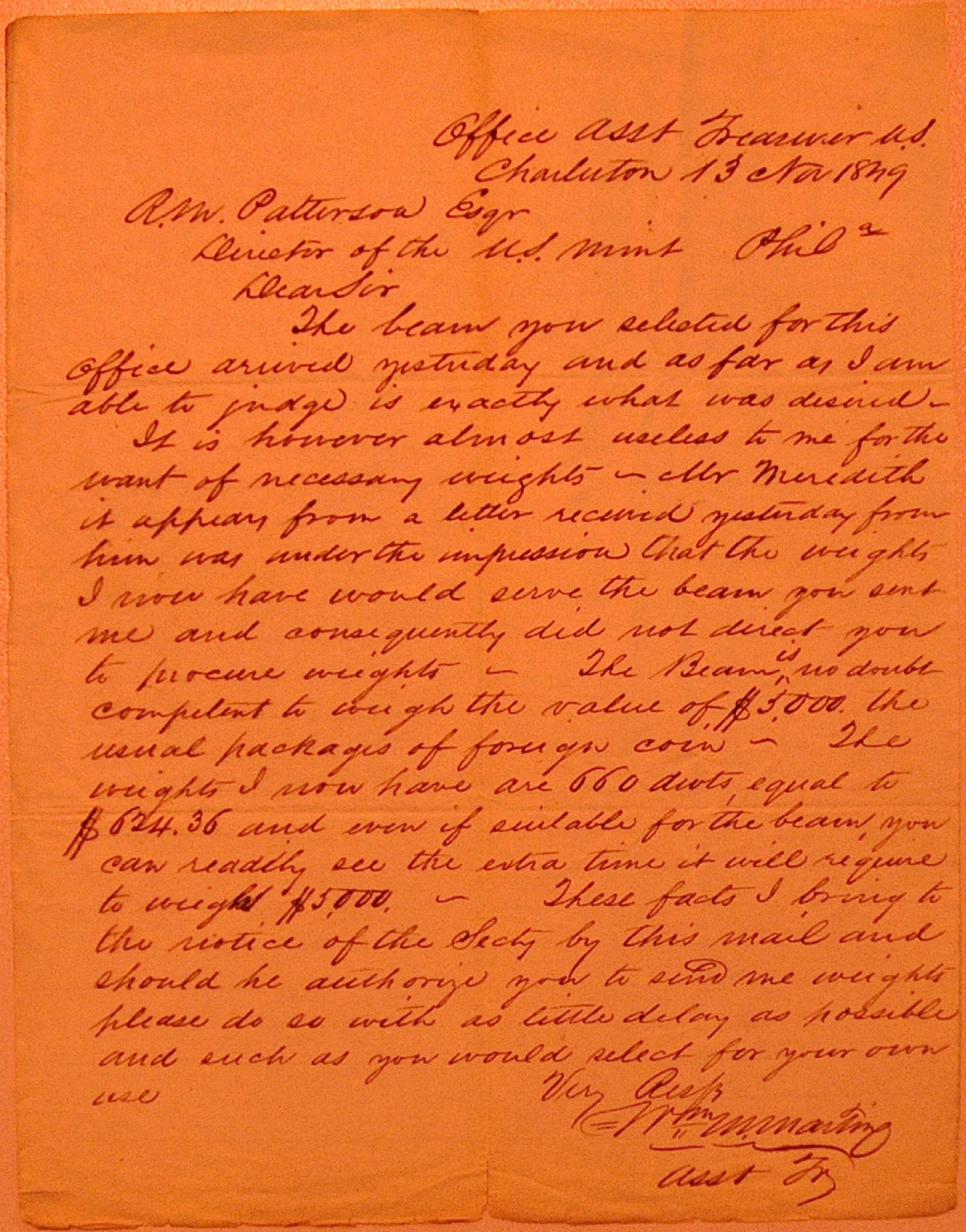
Dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to inform me of the result of your analysis of the specimens of Stone from California which I sent you, distinguishing between the different varieties of Mineral, if you have made experiments with all. I presume that the quartz is the principal matrix of the gold – this I hope you have tested.

I will be greatly obliged to you for such information as you have of the deposit of Sulphuret of mercury in California, its extent and value. You showed me a Specimen of the ore when I was last in the mint; and if it has been analysed, you will oblige me by sending the result.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obt Servant,
T. Ewing

Dr. R. Patterson,
U. S. Mint, Phila



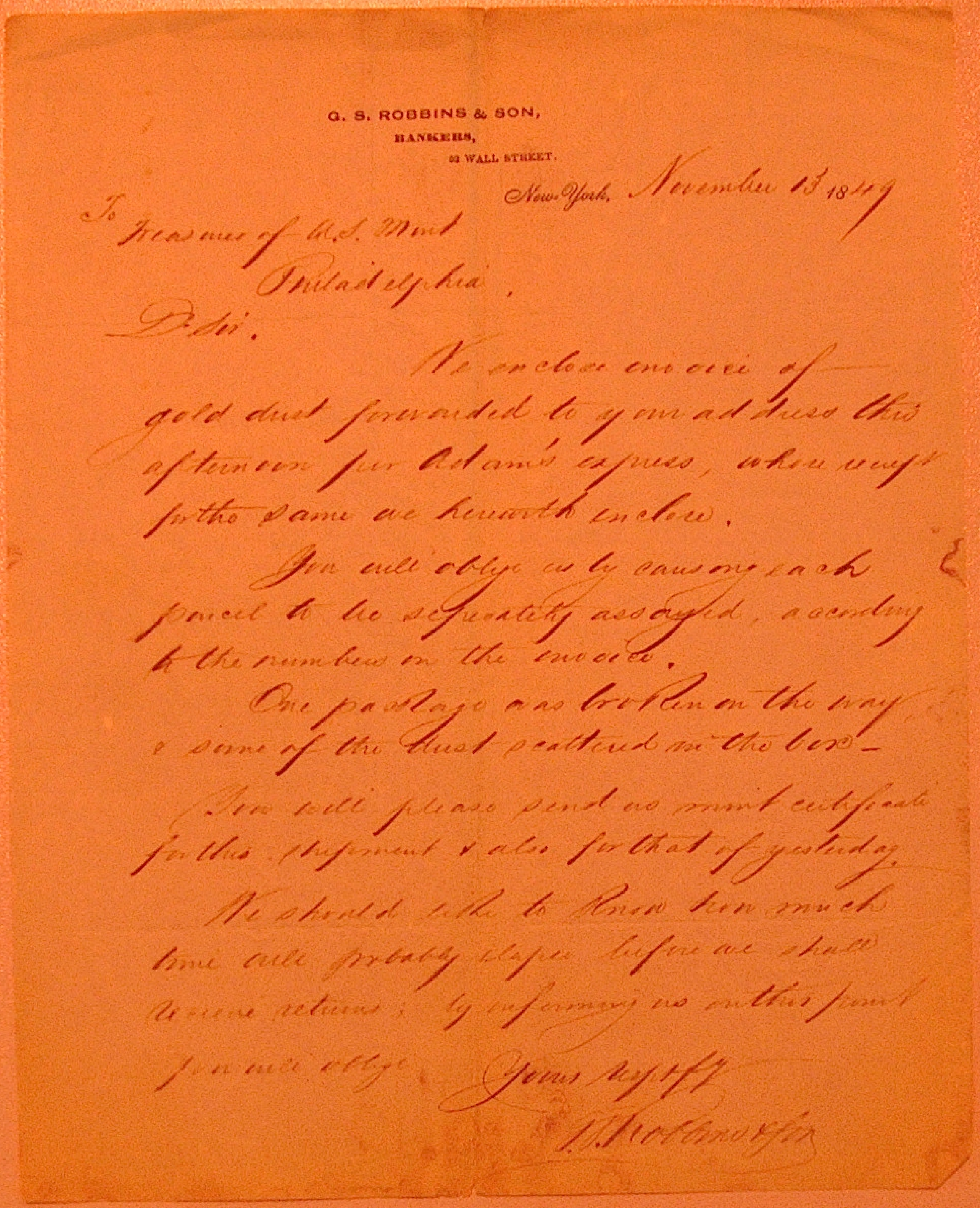
Office Asst Treasurer U.S.
Charleston 13 Nov 1849

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of the U.S. Mint Phila

Dear Sir

The beam you selected for this office arrived yesterday and as far as I am able to judge is exactly what was desired – It is however almost useless to me for the want of necessary weights – Mr Meredith it appears from a letter received yesterday from him was under the impression that the weights I now have would serve the beam you sent me and consequently did not direct you to procure weights – The Beam is no doubt competent to weigh the value of $5,000. the usual packages of foreign coin – The weights I now have are 660 dwts, equal to $624.36 and even if suitable for the beam, you can readily see the extra time it will require to weigh $5,000. – These facts I bring to the notice of the Secty by this mail and should he authorize you to send me weights please do so with as little delay as possible and such as you would select for your own use

Very Respy
Wm M Martin
Asst Tr



G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
[illegible] WALL STREET.

New-York, November 13 1849

To Treasurer of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia,

Dr Sir:

We enclose invoice of gold dust forwarded to your address this afternoon per Adam's express, whose weight for the same we herewith enclose.

You will oblige us by causing each parcel to be separately assayed, according to the numbers on the invoice.

One package was broken on the way & some of the dust scattered in the box—

You will please send us mint certificate for this shipment & also for that of yesterday.

We should like to know how much time will probably elapse before we shall receive returns; by informing us on this point you will oblige.

Yours respy

G. S. Robbins & Son

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Nov. 13, 1849.

Gentlemen,

I am sorry to inform you that, on opening this morning the box mentioned in your letter of yesterday, containing two canisters and a leather pouch of Gold dust, ~~they~~ on examination was found to have been ~~robbed~~ committed, and a considerable part of the gold abstracted.

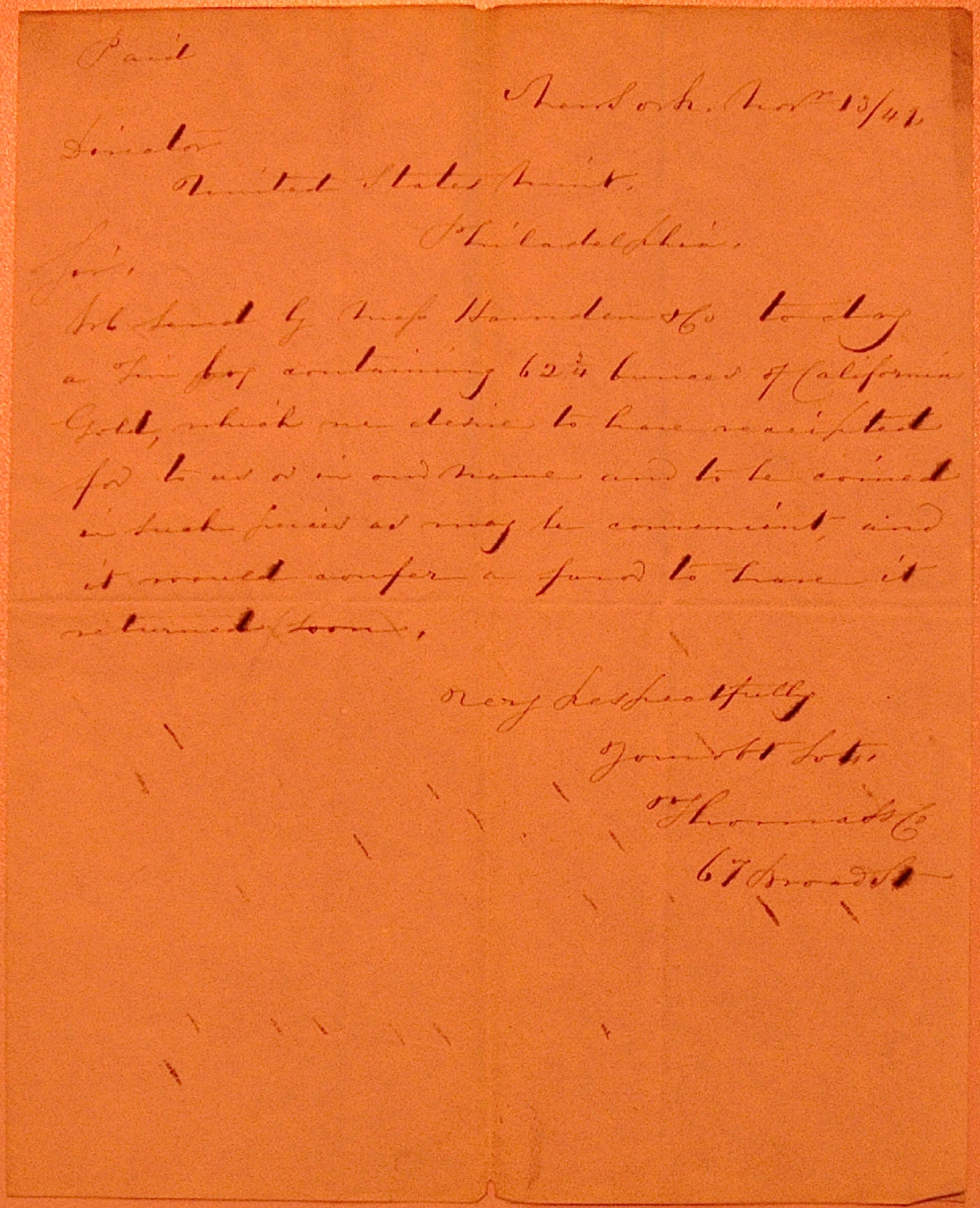
One of the canisters was sound, and the gold in it weighed 752.00 oz. ¶ The other was pierced through, apparently by a chisel. Under it, a hole had been bored through the bottom of the box; but was closed by a wooden cork, sealed with red wax, but not marked like the other seals on the box. Within this canister was the pouch marked Beale, Melick & DeWitt 40 5/8 oz. and it was perforated by four small holes, through which a part of the gold dust had passed. The weight of the gold in this canister was but 82.70 oz, and of that remaining in the pouch but 22.31 ozs.

The box was opened in the presence of ~~the~~ Mr. Sprague, Clerk of the weigh-room, and of Mr. Sandford, by one of our men named Burrows.

~~and in~~ The box, and canisters and pouch are kept for your inspection should you desire it, and the gold dust is also retained for your instructions in the case.

R.M.P.
Dir.

Messrs. J. DeWitt & Co.
New York.



Paid

New York Nov 13/48

Director
United States Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir,

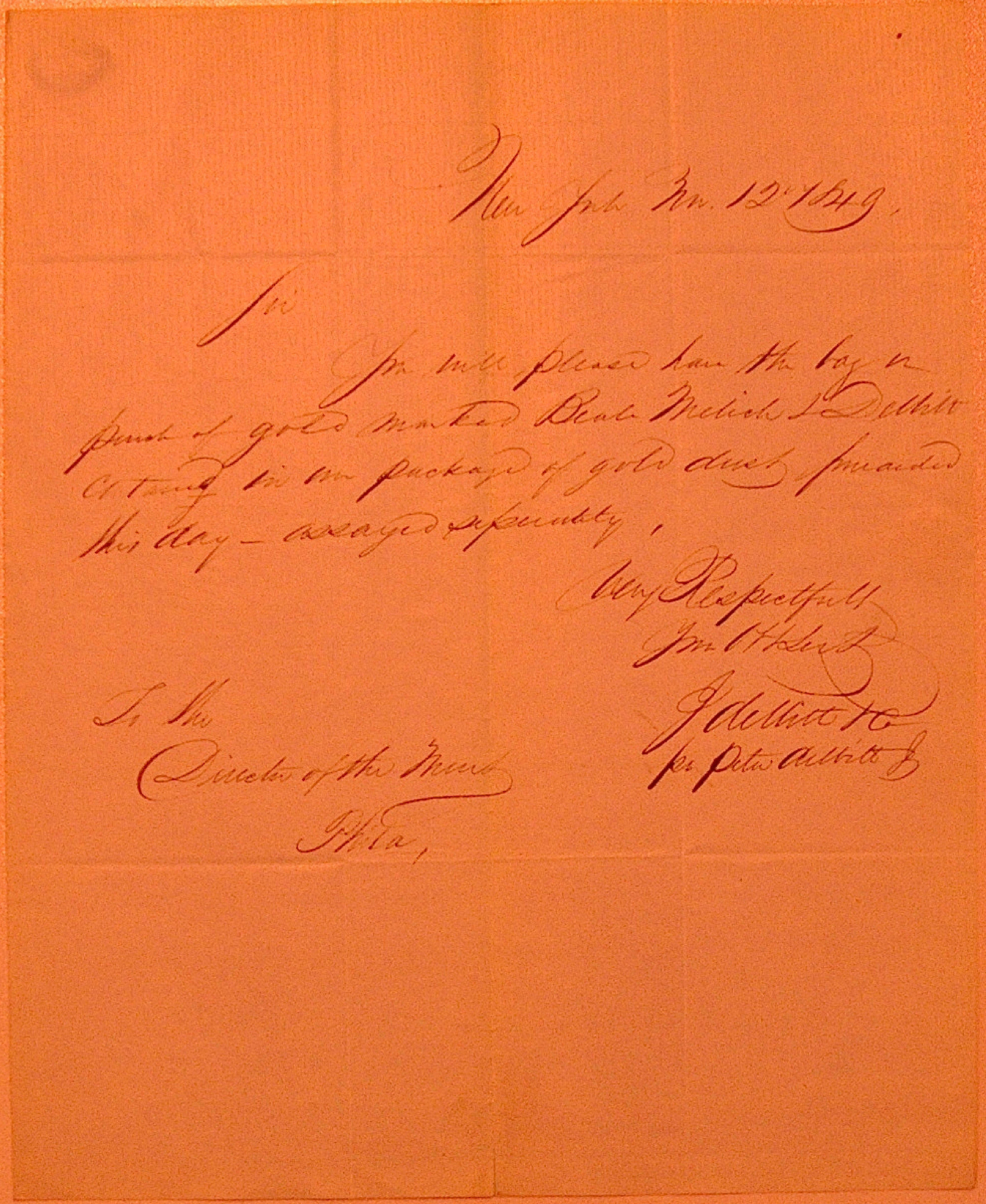
We send by Messrs Harnden & Co to day a tin box containing 62¾ ounces of California Gold, which we desire to have receipted for to us & in our name and to be coined in such pieces as may be convenient, and it would confer a favor to have it returned soon.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servts
Thomas & Co
67 Broad St

Invoice of Gold Dust sent to the U.S. Mint Philadelphia for coinage by G. S. Robbins & Son of New York. November 15th 1849

				No.
One pckge. marked	Slate Gardner & Stowell	18 3/4	ounces	1
" " " ×	Candace W. Maibel	34 1/4	"	2
" " "	Sarah Gillan	25	"	3
" " "	Julia A. Mosher	31 1/4	"	4
" " "	A. S. Gould & Co	43 3/4	"	5
" " "	Pope & Morgan	125	"	6
" " "	Thos. W. Taber	18 3/4	"	7
" " "	G. S. Robbins & Son	156 1/4	"	8

× this is the first parcel, & will require careful handling.



New York Nov. 12th 1849.

Sir

You will please have the bag or pouch of gold marked Beale Melick & Elliott C. Tany in our package of gold dust forwarded this day — assayed separately.

Very Respectfully
Yrs Obt Servts
J. Elliott & Co
per Peter Elliott Jr

To the
Director of the Mint
Phila.

Mr Patterson

Dr Sir

With many thanks for your favor of the 8th of Oct by which you informed me of the regulations of the Mint, may I solicit a continuance of your kindness in receiving some more of my silver of a low standard

I remain Yours

Respectfully

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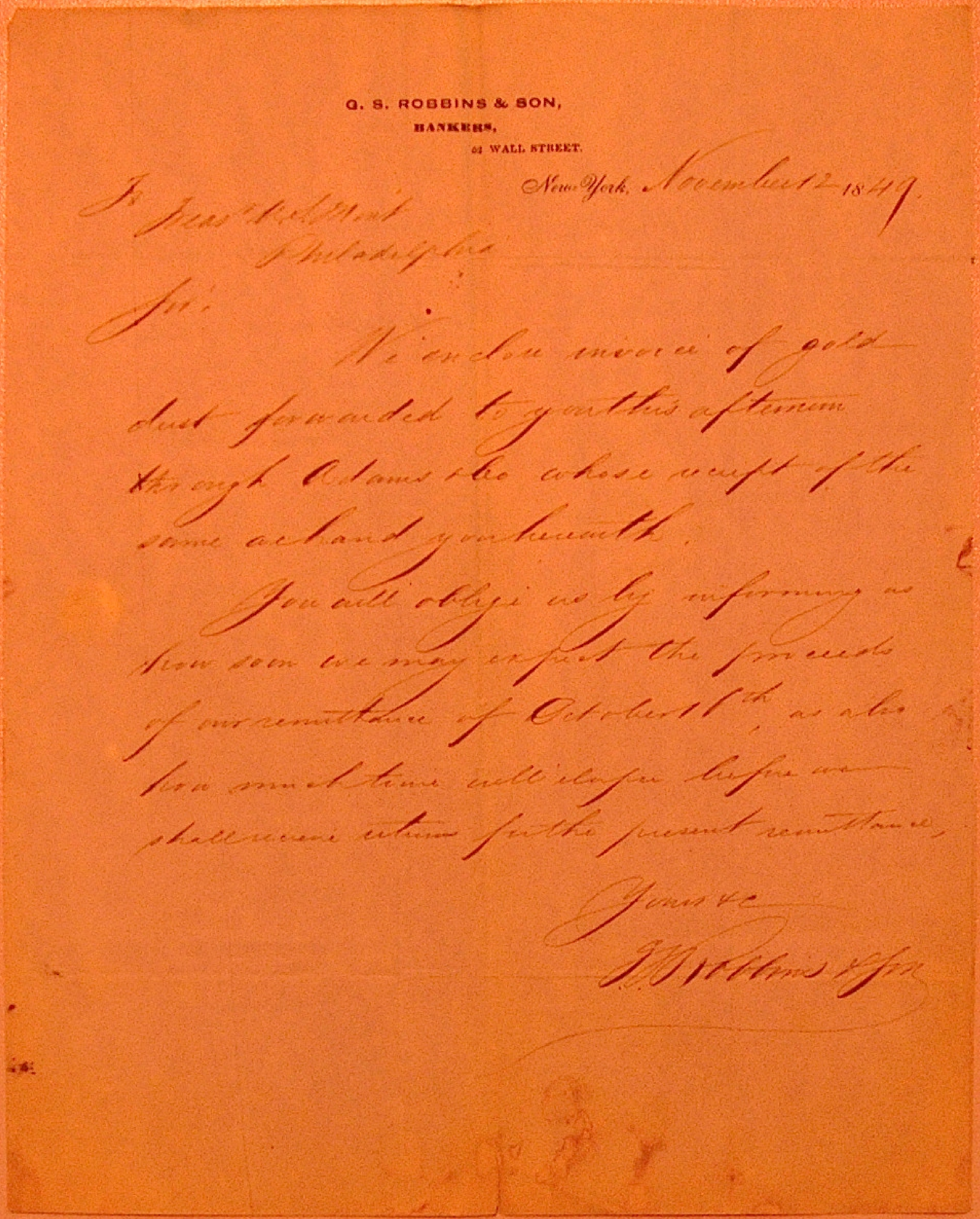
New York

Nov 12th 1849.



G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
61 WALL STREET.

New-York, November 12 1849

To Treasr U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

We enclose invoice of gold dust forwarded to you this afternoon through Adams & Co whose receipt of the same we hand you herewith.

You will oblige us by informing us how soon we may expect the proceeds of our remittance of October 16th, as also how much time will elapse before we shall receive returns for the present remittance,

Yours &c

G S Robbins & Son

New York Nov.r 12th 1849

R. M. Patterson Esqr.

Sir

By Livingston & Co's Express, I send you this day a Package of Gold Dust from Calafornia to your address, containing about Sixty four ounces, and said to be of very fine quality.

You will oblige me to have it coined, and return the proceeds by Livingston & Co's Express, who are authorized to recieve the same on my account, as soon as practicable.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt
Wm Lintz

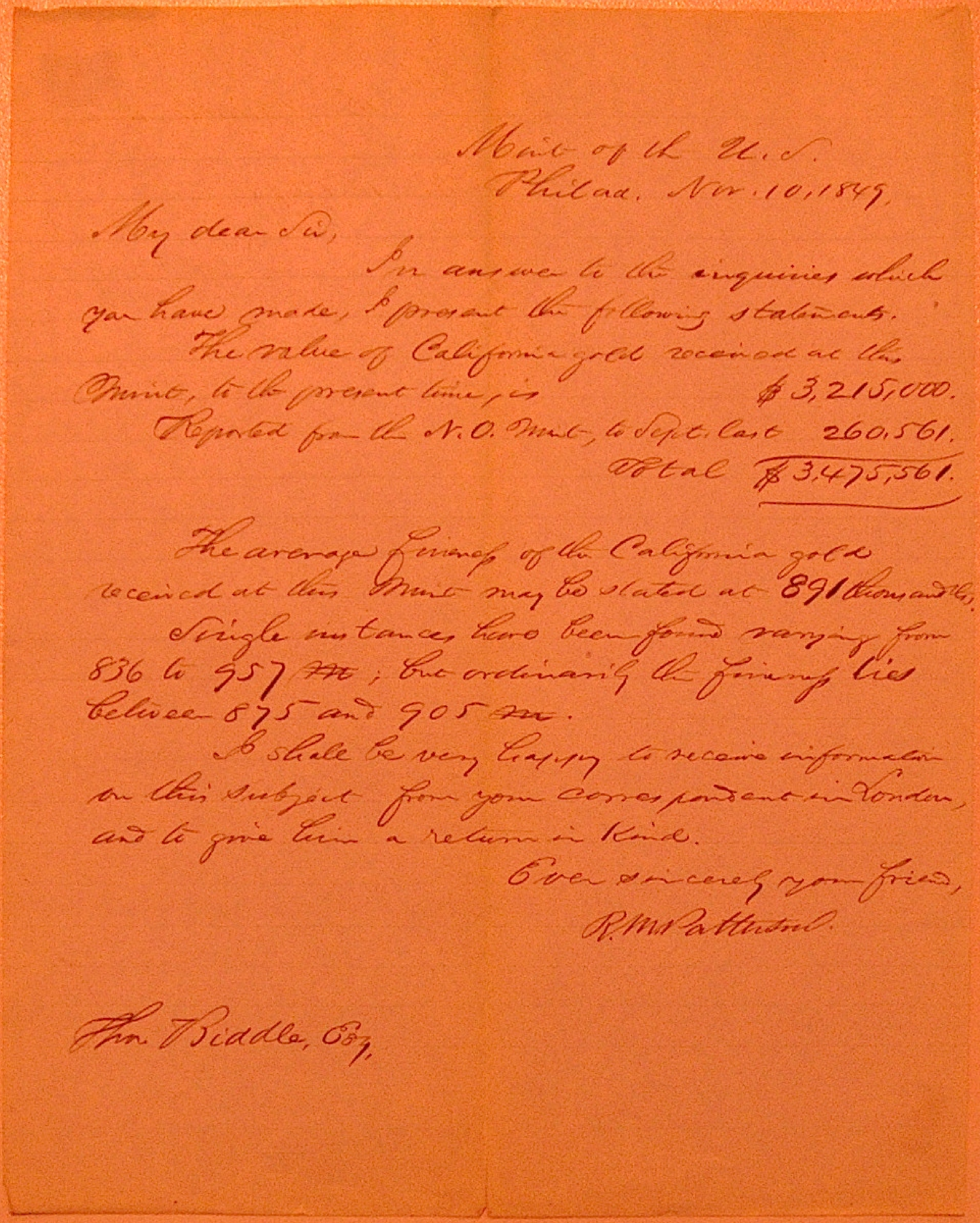
Invoice of Gold Dust forwarded by G S Robbins & Son
per Adams & Co's Express to U. S. Mint Phil^a, for Coinage

1 Box Containing 2 Packages

Marked
No 1
N.H.W. Containing 36 oz. 15 dwts 3 grs $826.10

New York Nov 12th 1849

G. S. Robbins & Son



Mint of the U. S.
Philad. Nov. 10, 1849.

My dear Sir,

In answer to the enquiries which you have made, I present the following statements.

The value of California gold received at the Mint, to the present time, is $3,215,000.
Reported from the N. O. Mint, to Sept. last 260,561.
Total $3,475,561.

The average fineness of the California gold received at this Mint may be stated at 891 thousandths.

Single instances have been found varying from 836 to 957 ths; but ordinarily the fineness lies between 875 and 905 ths.

I shall be very happy to receive information on this subject from your correspondent in London, and to give him a return in kind.

Ever sincerely your friend,
R. M. Patterson.

Tho. Biddle, Esq.

Mint U. S.
Phil. Nov. 10/49

Sir,

Your letter of yesterday has been received but ~~without the~~ "check in favor of F. Meyers & Co. on Corcoran & Riggs" which you mention as having been enclosed. Of this omission I have already sent a telegraphic notice

R. M. P.

S. M. McKean, Esq.
Treas. Dept.

From Thos Biddle, Esq
Nov. 9, 1849
Ansd. 10th

Doctor Patterson

U.S. Mint

Philada. Novem. 49
Friday

My dear Sir

The Enquiry made by my Correspondent runs thus " Can you obtain for me an account
" of the total Quantity or Amount of Gold coined
" at your Mint which has been received from California
" & the like Return from the other U.S. mints —
" The Amount We have received passing
" through the Bank of England of which
" We are directly cognisant as California
" Gold is not more than £170 or 180m Stg
" probably other C. Gold has come in from
" Panama but We do not know its origin
" or whether it came from California or not —

I suppose nearly all which comes from Panama is C. Gold, Much of what comes to them also from Valparaiso, & Rio Janeiro, & perhaps some from N Orleans, and shall so write

"him". I will endeavour to get
some Information from the Messrs
Howlands of N York on this Subject—

If you feel inclined to facilitate
or to give the means of mutually attaining
this kind of information My firm
believe we can with your assistance
go far to the Bank of England &
the Mint at Philada giving
each other all in their power,
and probably cause a continuation
of the Exchange of such information

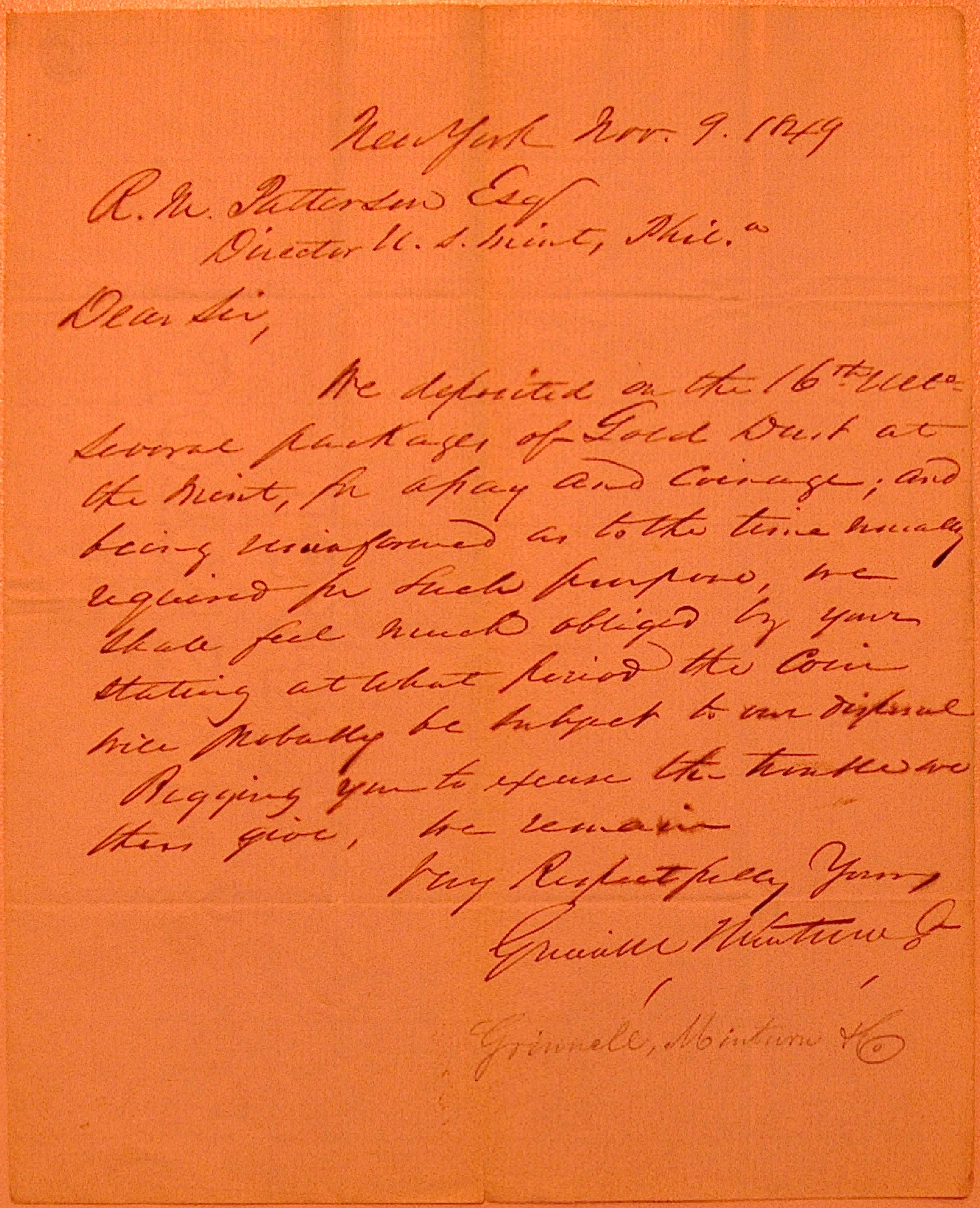
Perhaps the N. Orleans Mint
exceeds ours. & no discrimination as
to Mexican & California Golds—

It may to them also be an object
of Enquiry the Gold raised this Side
the Mississippi. Yours truly

T. Biddle

Friday Novr 9. 1849.

P. S. The letter is
under date 19 Octobr?



New York Nov. 9. 1849

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint, Phil.a

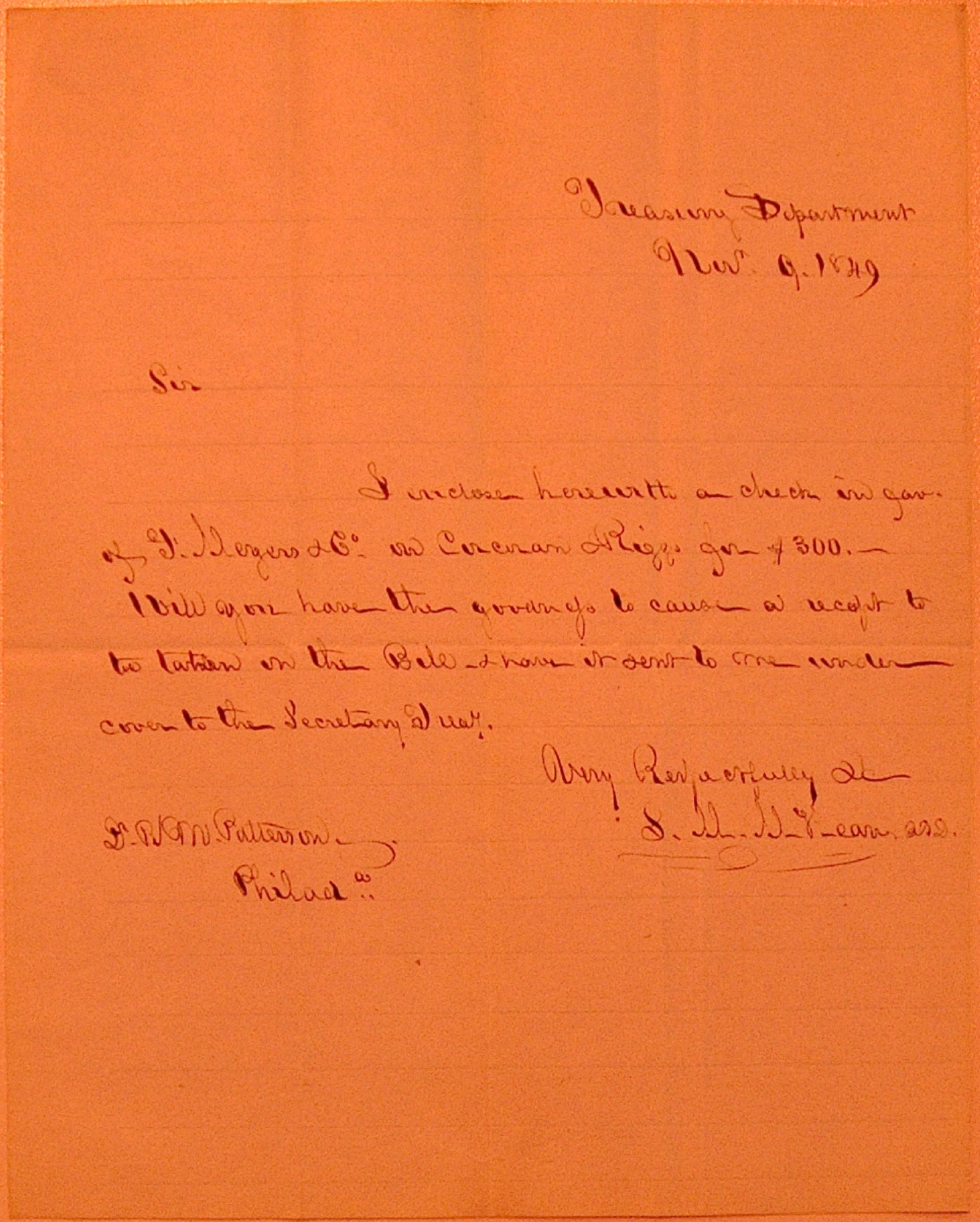
Dear Sir,

We deposited on the 16th Ulto several packages of Gold Dust at the Mint, for assay and Coinage; and being uninformed as to the time usually required for such purpose, we shall feel much obliged by your stating at what period the Coin will probably be subject to our disposal.

Begging you to excuse the trouble we thus give, we remain

Very Respectfully Yours
Grinnell Minturn & Co

Grinnell, Minturn & Co



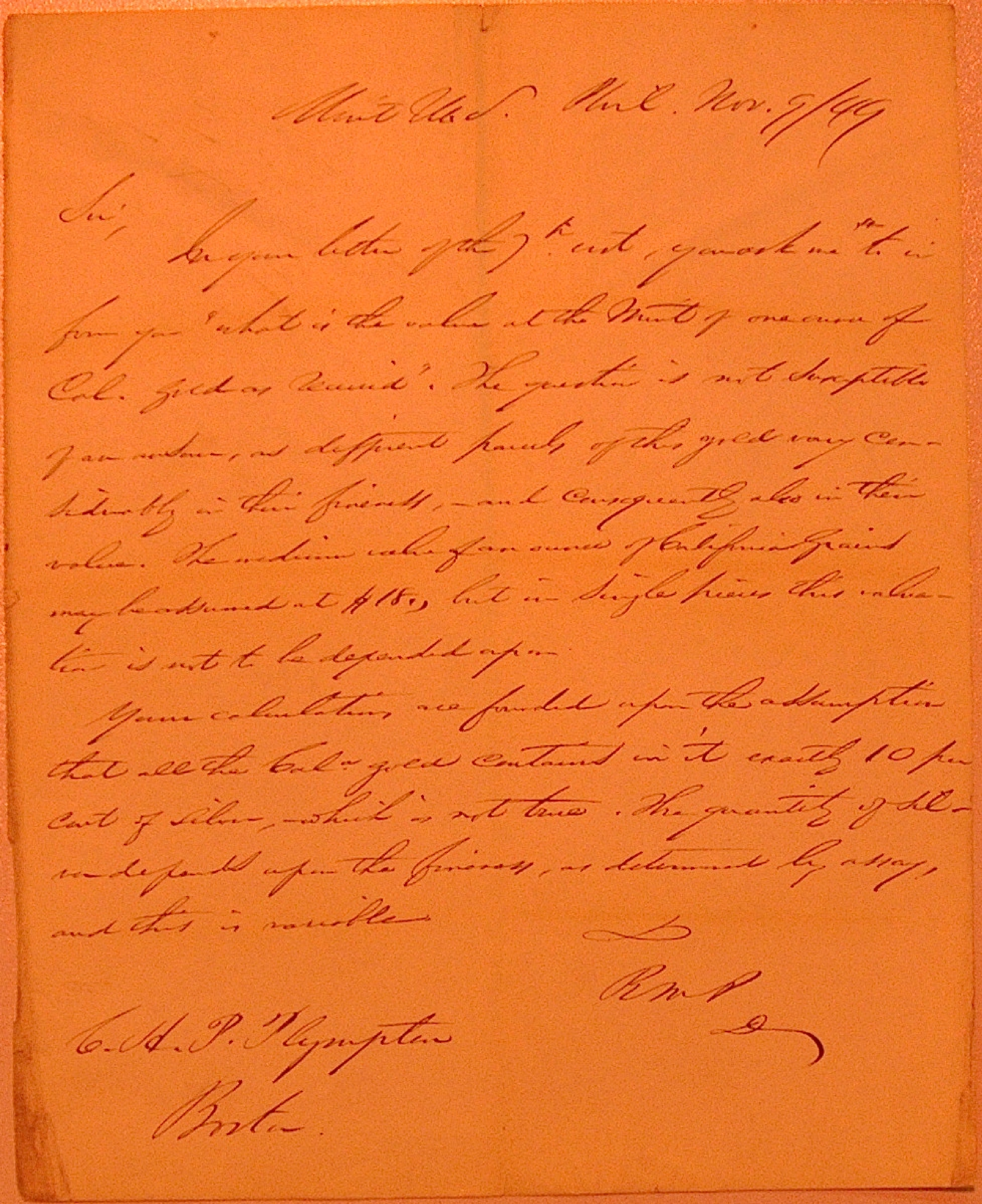
Treasury Department
Nov. 9. 1849

Sir

I enclose herewith a check in fav. of J. Meyers & Co. on Corcoran & Riggs for $300.— Will you have the goodness to cause a receipt to be taken on the Bill & have it sent to me under cover to the Secretary of Treas'y.

Very Respectfully &c
S. M. McLean

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philada.



Mint U.S. Phil. Nov. 9/49

Sir,

In your letter of the 7th inst., you ask me "to inform you 'what is the value at the Mint of one ounce of Cal. gold as received'". The question is not susceptible of an answer, as different parcels of this gold vary considerably in their fineness, and consequently also in their value. The medium value of an ounce of California grains may be assumed at $18, but in single pieces this valuation is not to be depended upon.

Your calculations are founded upon the assumption that all the Calⁿ gold contains in it exactly 10 per cent of silver, which is not true. The quantity of silver depends upon the fineness, as determined by assay, and this is variable.

R M P
Dr

C. H. P. Plympton
Boston.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Nov. 8, 1849.

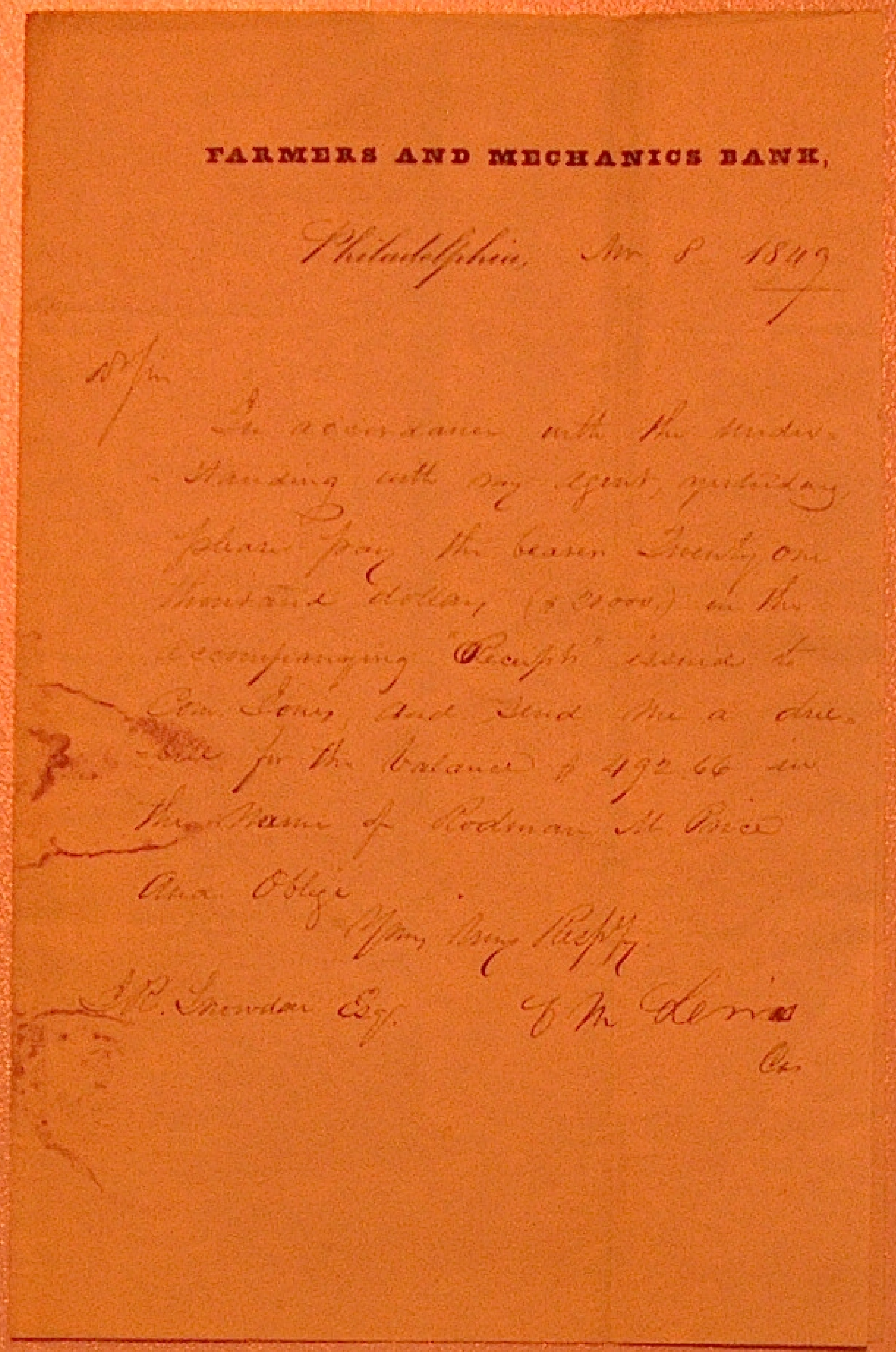
Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. I remember well the visit which you made to the Mint, and the favorable impression which you produced. It gives me the greater pain therefore to say that there is no vacancy at the Mint that can be offered to you. The great amount of parting required by California gold, made it necessary for us to increase the number of workmen, but *mere* workmen, — and the required number are already engaged.

Yours very respectfully,

R. M. Patterson,
Director

Mr. J. VanVoorst.
New York.



FARMERS AND MECHANICS BANK,

Philadelphia, Nov 8 1849

Dr Sir

In accordance with the understanding with my agent, yesterday please pay the bearer Twenty one thousand dollars ($21000) in the accompanying "Receipts" issued to Pen Loan, and send me a due-bill for the balance $ 492.66 in the Name of Rodman M. Price

And Oblige

Yours Very Respy

J. R. Snowden Esq.

J. M. Lewis
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Mint U.S. Phil. Nov. 7/49

Sir,

In compliance with the request made in your letter of the 1st ult., the Scales required for the Assist. Treas. at Charleston were purchased of Meyers &c, and I now have the honor to enclose his bills for the same, and also a bill of lading showing its shipment, to be delivered to Mr Martin. I also send, by this day's mail, a duplicate bill of lading to Mr Martin.

If the draft in favor of Mr. Meyer be sent to my care I will with pleasure attend to the payment of his bill

R.M.P.

Hon. Wm. Meredith
Sec. of Treas.

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
November 7th 1849

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst and to inform you that I have this day referred your abstracts of Gold & Silver Bullion, your letters & accompanying documents to the Secretary of the Treasury for his consideration and approval, preliminary to the further action of this Office — Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

F. L. Smith

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Boston, November 7. 1849.

Superintendent - U. S. Mint -
Philadelphia -

Resp^t Sir,

I take the liberty of addressing you for information respecting the value of California Gold. A few days since, I saw a statement in the paper, that this gold contained 10% Silver -

Now in rough reckoning we generally say $16 - to the Ounce - & if in 10 oz Gold as received, there is 10% Silver - it leaves but 9 oz Gold - which @ $16 - pr oz = $144 -
And the 1 ounce Silver - @ $1 - pr oz - 1 -
$145 -
So that the Ounce of unrefined Gold seems to be worth only $14.50 -

Now is the 9 ounces Gold separated from 10 oz - metal as it is received - worth more than $16 - pr oz? And is it Equal in value & fineness to Standard Gold – say about $0.93 pr. dwt? If this last is the case – then I make the oz. as follows.

18 dwts. gold @ $0.93 pr. dwt = $16.74
2 " – silver @ $0.03 " " 0.06
$16.80

I know not but that all this is founded on miscalculation, & I wish to ask the favor of you, to inform me what is the value at the Mint of 1 oz California gold as received – & its value when refined – also stating the value of those proportions which are silver or other metals, & how great this proportion is –

If you can conveniently do this – you will confer a great favor & Oblige –

Yr Obdt Servt
C. W. P. Plympton –

P. S. Please address care Henry Plympton –
38 India Wharf Boston Ma

Treasury Department
Register's Office 6 November 1849

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the usual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1851 may be prepared at your Office and transmitted, as soon as possible, for the purpose of being laid by the Secretary of the Treasury, before Congress at the ensuing session. The estimates will be closed in about a week, as they have to be laid before Congress in a printed form at the commencement of the Session.

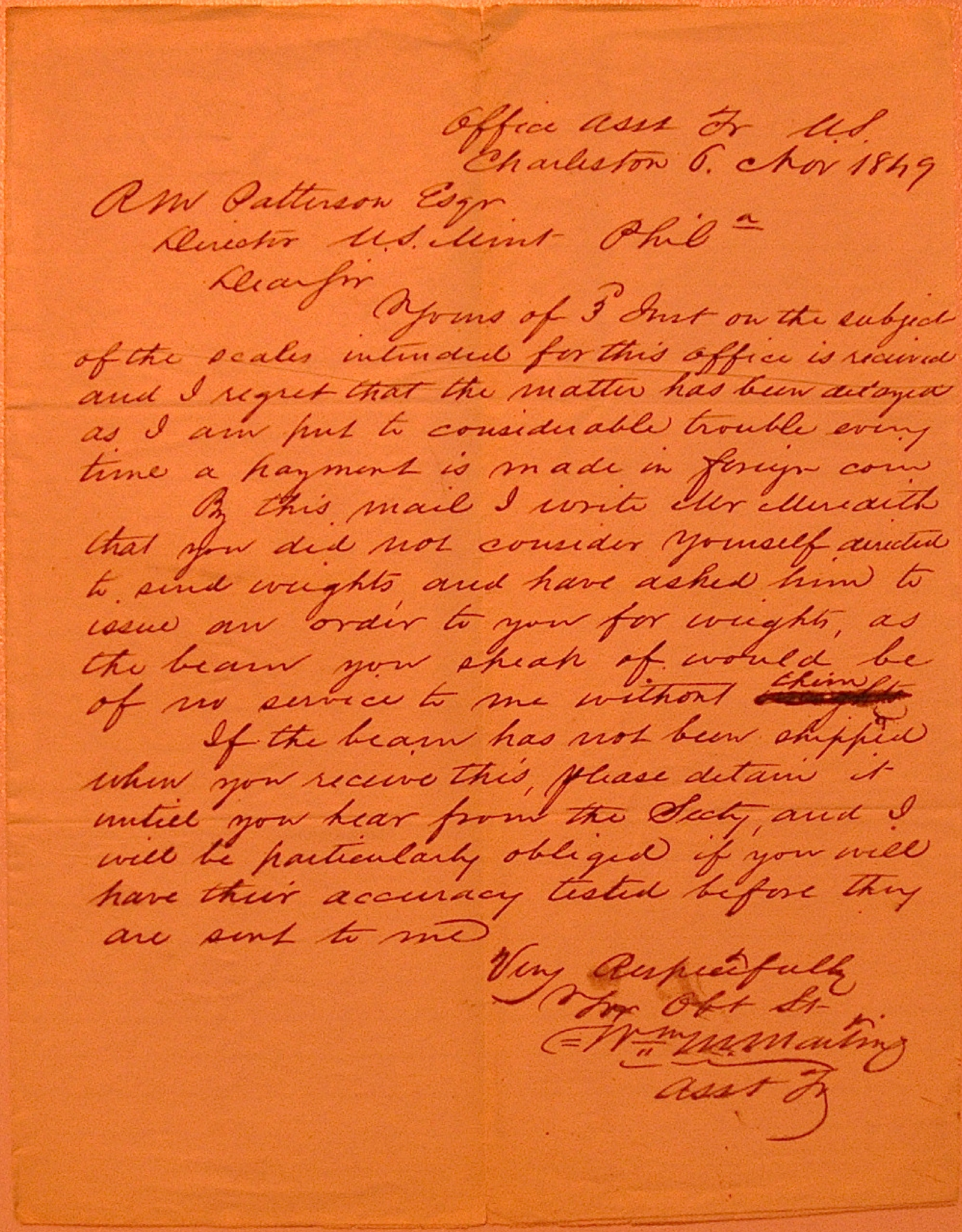
I would invite your particular attention to the second section of the act of 17th June 1844, and to the Joint Resolution of the 7th January 1846.

You are requested to send the estimates on foolscap paper with margins of at least one inch in width, that the same may be bound in volumes in this Office

I am, respectfully
Your Obed.t Servant

Allen A. Hall Register

Robert M Patterson Esquire
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia



Office Asst Tr U.S.
Charleston 6. Nov 1849

R M Patterson Esqr
Director U.S. Mint Phila

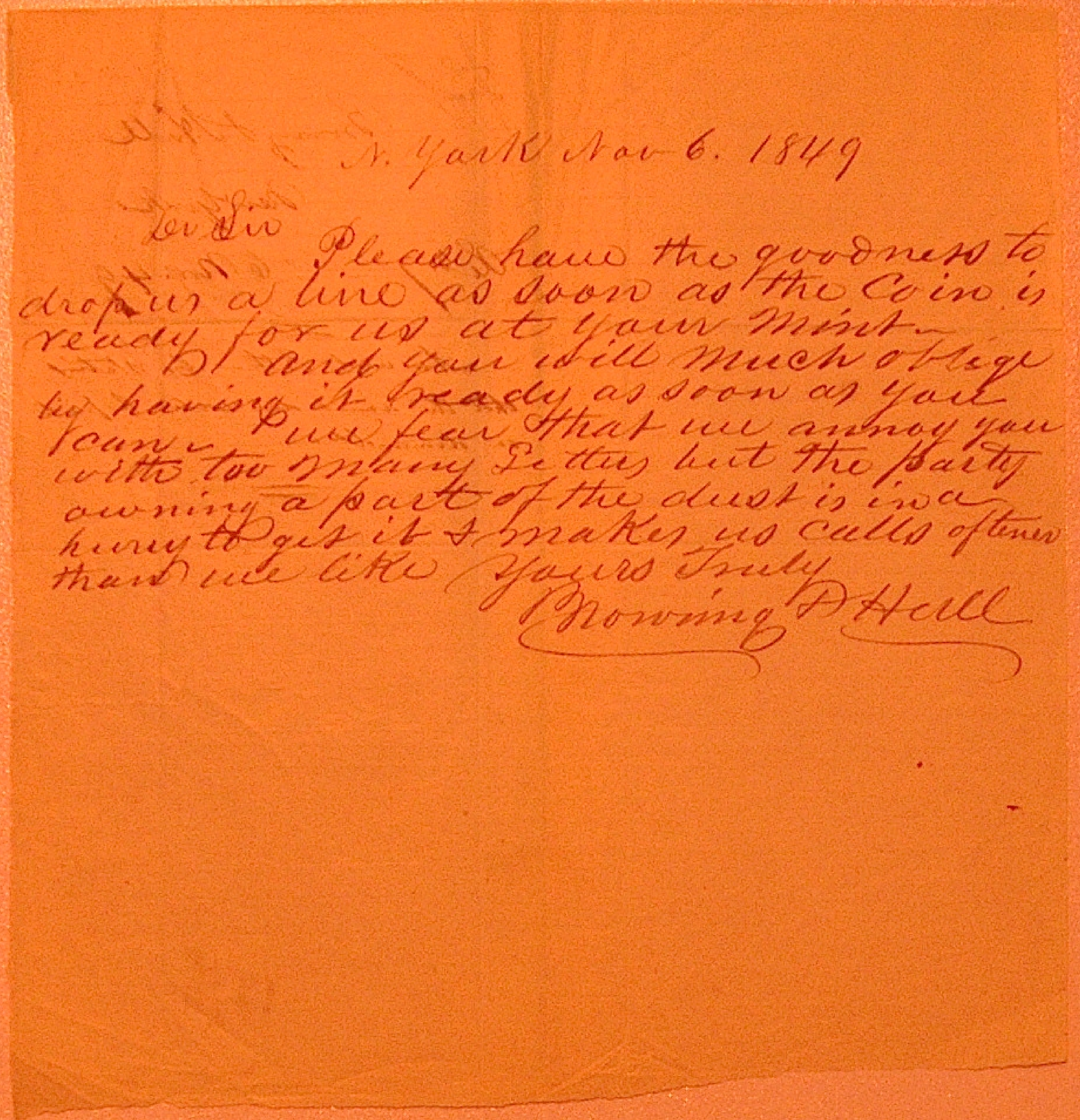
Dear Sir

Yours of 3d Inst on the subject of the scales intended for this office is received and I regret that the matter has been delayed as I am put to considerable trouble every time a payment is made in foreign coin

By this mail I write Mr Meredith that you did not consider yourself directed to send weights and have asked him to issue an order to you for weights, as the beam you speak of would be of no service to me without ~~weights~~ them

If the beam has not been shipped when you receive this, please detain it until you hear from the Secty, and I will be particularly obliged if you will have their accuracy tested before they are sent to me

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt St
Wm M Martin
Asst Tr



N. York Nov 6. 1849

Dr Sir

Please have the goodness to drop us a line as soon as the Coin is ready for us at your Mint — & and you will much oblige by having it ready as soon as you can — & we fear that we annoy you with too many Letters but the Party owning a part of the dust is in a hurry to get it & makes us calls oftener than we like

Yours Truly

Browning & Hull

Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
November 5th 1849.

Sir:

Your account of Copper Coinage for the 3d quarter of 1849. has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of $ 2.585. 46 stated to be due from you to the United States, which agrees with your account.

Very respectfully
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
November 3d 1849

Sir.

Your account of Ordinary Expenses of the Mint, for the 3d quarter of 1849, has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of $10.611 34/100 stated to be due from you to the United States, which agrees with your accounts.

Very respectfully
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Weights wanted for the
Scale sent to Charleston.

OZ. 200.
100.
50.
40.
30.
20.
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Mint U.S.
Phil. Nov. 3, 1849.

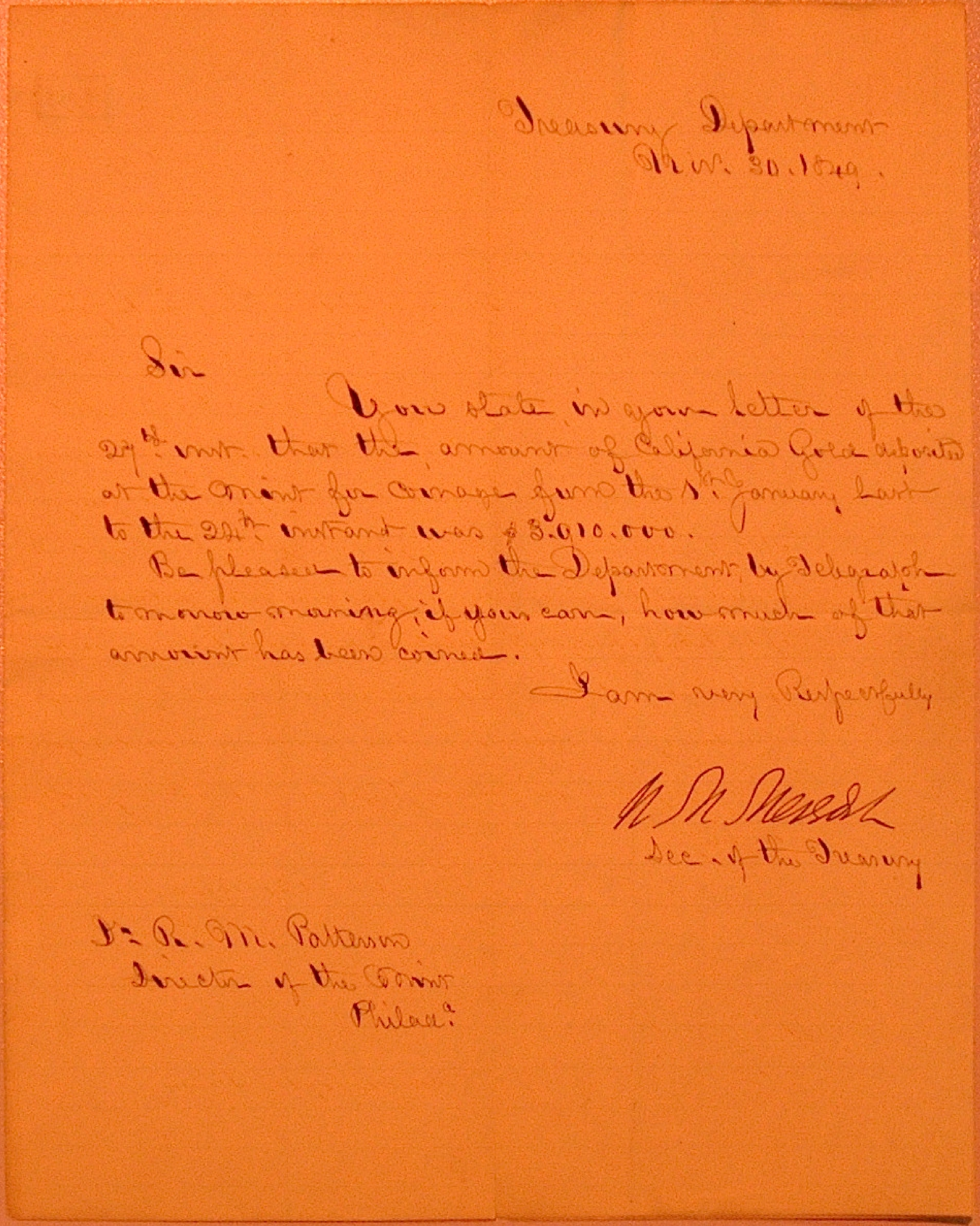
Sir,

Your letter of the 29 ult. surprised me, for I had thought that the beam which you required had been already sent to you. On inquiry, however, I find that it is still in the hands of the Maker. He now assures me that it will be sent by the next Steamer for Charleston, which will be next week.

In your last letter you speak of *weights*; but these had not been ordered, to my knowledge. A full set of brass weights will cost $40. If you obtain authority to get them, I will cheerfully assist you in procuring them.

R.M.P.
Dir.

Wm. M. Martin, Esq.
Asst. Treasurer
Charleston, S.C.



Treasury Department
Nov. 30. 1849.

Sir

You state in your letter of the 27th inst. that the amount of California Gold deposited at the Mint for coinage from the 1st January last to the 24th instant was $3.010.000.

Be pleased to inform the Department, by Telegraph to morrow morning, if you can, how much of that amount has been coined.

I am very Respectfully

W. M. Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad.a

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Treasury Department
Comptrollers office
Nov. 30. 1849

The last account of James R. Snowden Esqr, as Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending September 30th 1849, having been rendered in a form different from what has been heretofore in use, and the same having been objected to by the first Auditor and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, and by the Secretary referred to the Comptroller to prescribe the forms in which the accounts of the Treasurer of the Mint shall be kept, and presented quarterly to the Treasury Department, for the purpose of being adjusted and settled, and the Comptroller having examined the subject, the Communications of the Treasurer of the Mint, the usages of the Office, and the Law, in pursuance of said reference and the Statutes in such cases made and provided prescribes the following forms to be observed by the Treasurer of the Mint, and the Treasurers of the Branch Mints, in keeping and presenting their quarterly accounts.

1st. That a record shall be kept as heretofore of the Report of the Assayer, of each deposite of Gold or Silver, and of the estimate made thereon in pursuance of the 17th 18 & 19 Sections of the Supplementary Act in relation to the Mint approved January 18. 1837 and each of such Reports or a copy thereof shall be sent by him to the First Auditor with his quarterly account.

It appears from the letter of Mr Snowden of Oct. 26th 1849, that a record of the separate Standard Weight of each deposite is preserved and the sum of the items compared with the Weight found by calculation from the aggregate Value, shewing an invariable correspondence.

The last report aforesaid contains in the aggregate but not of each separate deposite, the gross value of the Gold deposited and the Standard Weight of the same, the value of the silver parted, and the standard Weight of the same, the amount of the deductions and the nett value of the deposites.

Sections 20 to 24 inclusive, and also sections 29 of the Statute require the standard Weight as well as the value of the Metal to be entered and kept, in all the accounts between the Treasurer and the Melter and Refiner, and Chief Coiner respectively – and the accounts are rendered accordingly to the accounting Officers. In as much as the standard Weight of the Gold, and also of the Silver in each deposite is ascertained by the Treasurer, and recorded, there can be no additional labour or expense in presenting the same accordingly in detail, in his quarterly accounts, except the clerical labour of transcribing the same from his books. It is of importance to preserve uniformity in the mode of keeping, and rendering the accounts between all those Officers, as it facilitates the comparison of one account with another, and of the items with the aggregate, and particularly, the Treasurers account with the Assayers Report, in order to test the accuracy of the respective items.

But it is by no means necessary to put the Silver separated from the Gold, in a distinct account, in the quarterly Report of the Treasurer, in fact, it will facilitate the system of comparisons to return them in the same account, keeping their standard Weight only separate.

It is therefore prescribed by the authority aforesaid.

2d That in all quarterly accounts to be rendered hereafter, the Silver separated from the Gold in any deposite of Gold, shall be returned in the Bullion account in separate Columns, in the following manner, or form after stating the date and number of each deposite, and the name of the depositor, the 1st Column shall state the Standard Weight in Ounces and decimals of the Gold.

The 2d Column, shall state the Standard Weight in Ounces and decimals of the Silver parted from the Gold.

The 3d Column shall state the gross value in the aggregate, of the Gold and Silver together.

The 4th Column shall state the amount of charges or deductions for parting &c.

And the 5th Column, the nett value to be paid in Coin to the depositor — and where deposites of Silver are made, which contains a Mixture of Gold, it shall be returned in the same manner with the account of Silver in five Columns as above prescribed —

When pure Gold is deposited, it shall be returned in the same account, with the Gold deposites leaving a blank in the Column of the standard Weight of Silver. And when pure Silver is deposited, it shall be returned in the account of Silver, leaving a blank in the Column of the Standard Weight of Gold.

3d. And it is further prescribed, that at the foot of each quarterly account of deposites made by the Treasurer there shall be an accurate statement of the aggregate value of the Gold and of the Silver separately contained in such account.

Elisha Whittlesey
Compt.

Assay office Dec: 1st 1849

Assay and value of Sweep in the Melter & Refin
Department U S Mint

Weight of sweep as reported by the M & R 5218 lbs
Gold and Silver contained by assay
$46.04 per cwt equal to } $2144.97

Certified by
J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Cwt dec
5218 lbs = 46.59,8 @ $5 pr Cwt. = $232.95

Stand. gold
ounces dec
$2144.97 — 232.95 = $1912.02 or 102.771

191202
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4780
2390
(102.771

Gold & Silver [illegible]

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To the Director
of the Mint
Philadelphia

N York 1 Mai 1849.

Sir,

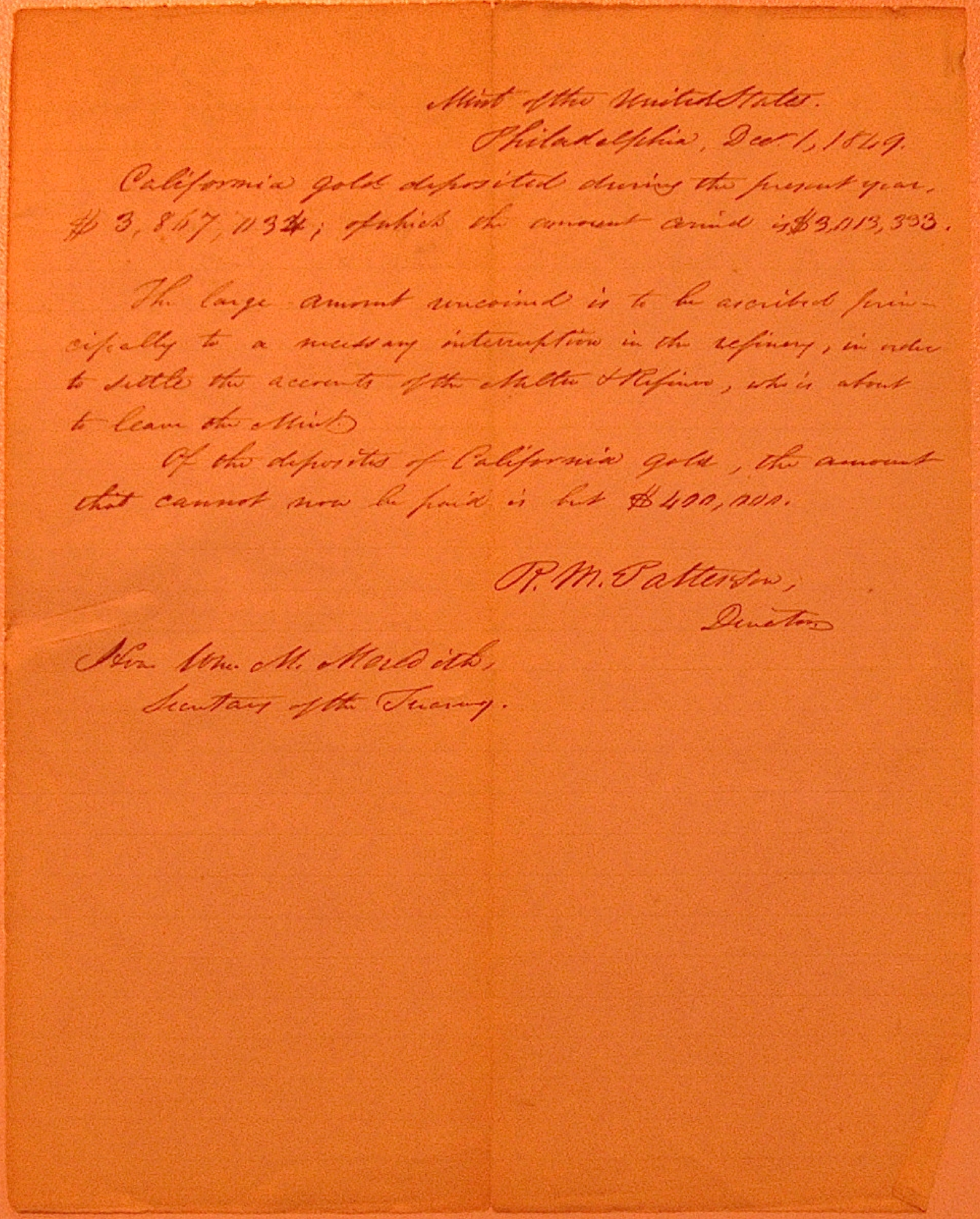
Permit me to send you herewith 1 Parcel marked M H recd today, said to contain 21½ doubloons and 11 oz 8. 20. Golddust, for which pray send me its value in a dft on this City deducting all Expenses. For fear to loose some of the dust I did not separate the doubloons from it & I hope you will comply with my request.

With highest regard

Yours obedt

Wm Appelhorn

Hellwig



Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 1, 1849.

California gold deposited during the present year, $3,867,1134; of which the amount coined is $3,013,393.

The large amount uncoined is to be ascribed principally to a necessary interruption in the refinery, in order to settle the accounts of the Melter & Refiner, who is about to leave the Mint.

Of the deposits of California gold, the amount that cannot now be paid is but $400,000.

R. M. Patterson,
Director

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

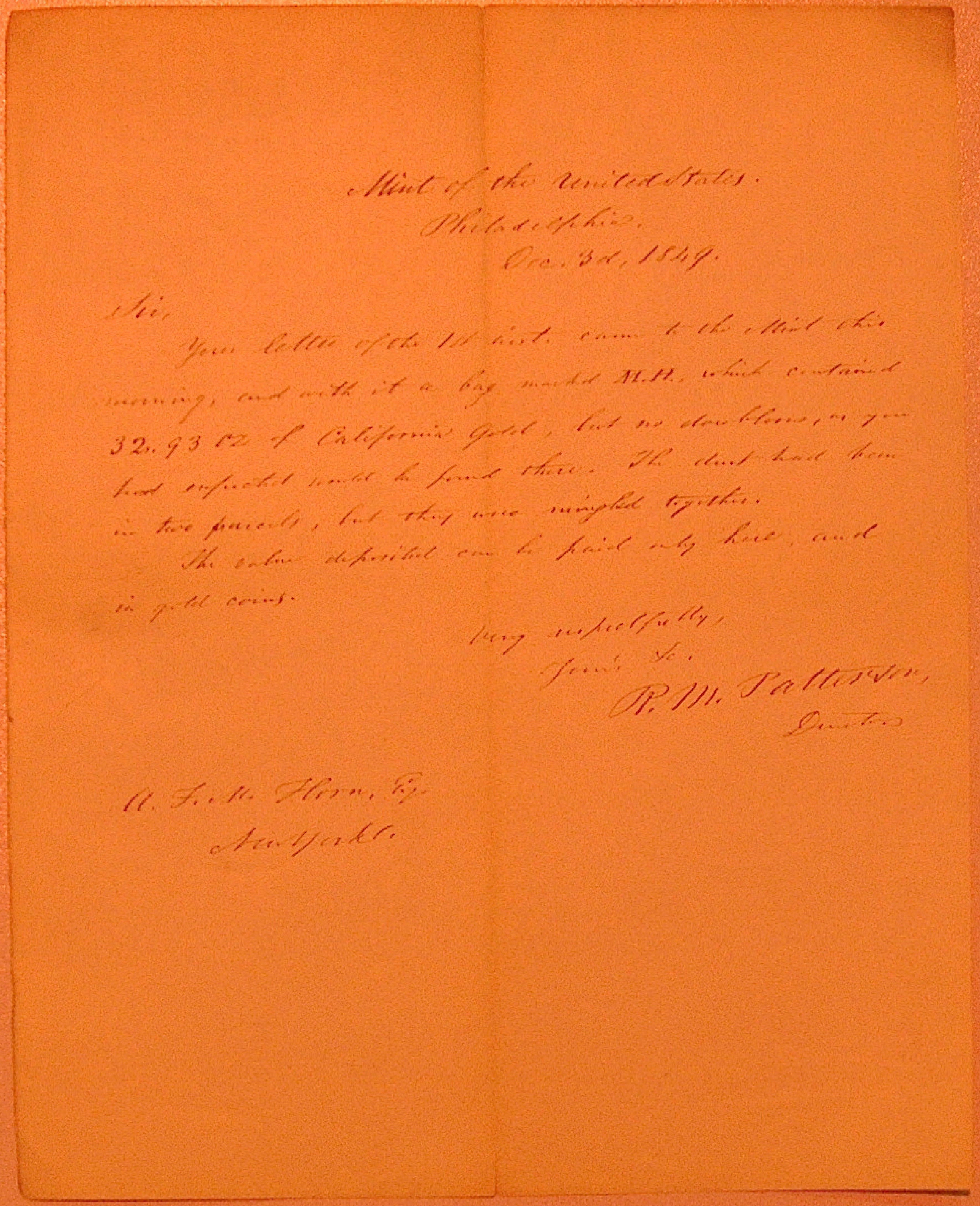
California Gold deposited at the Mint from Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 1849, say — \$3,867,033.70

of which uncoined — November \$715,083.71

October	138,616.53 853,700.24	853,700.24
Amount coined		3,013,333.46

~~Amount unpaid or unpayable \$400,000~~

All the deposites of Cal. gold but \$400,000 are either paid or payable on demand.



Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia.
Oct. 3d, 1849.

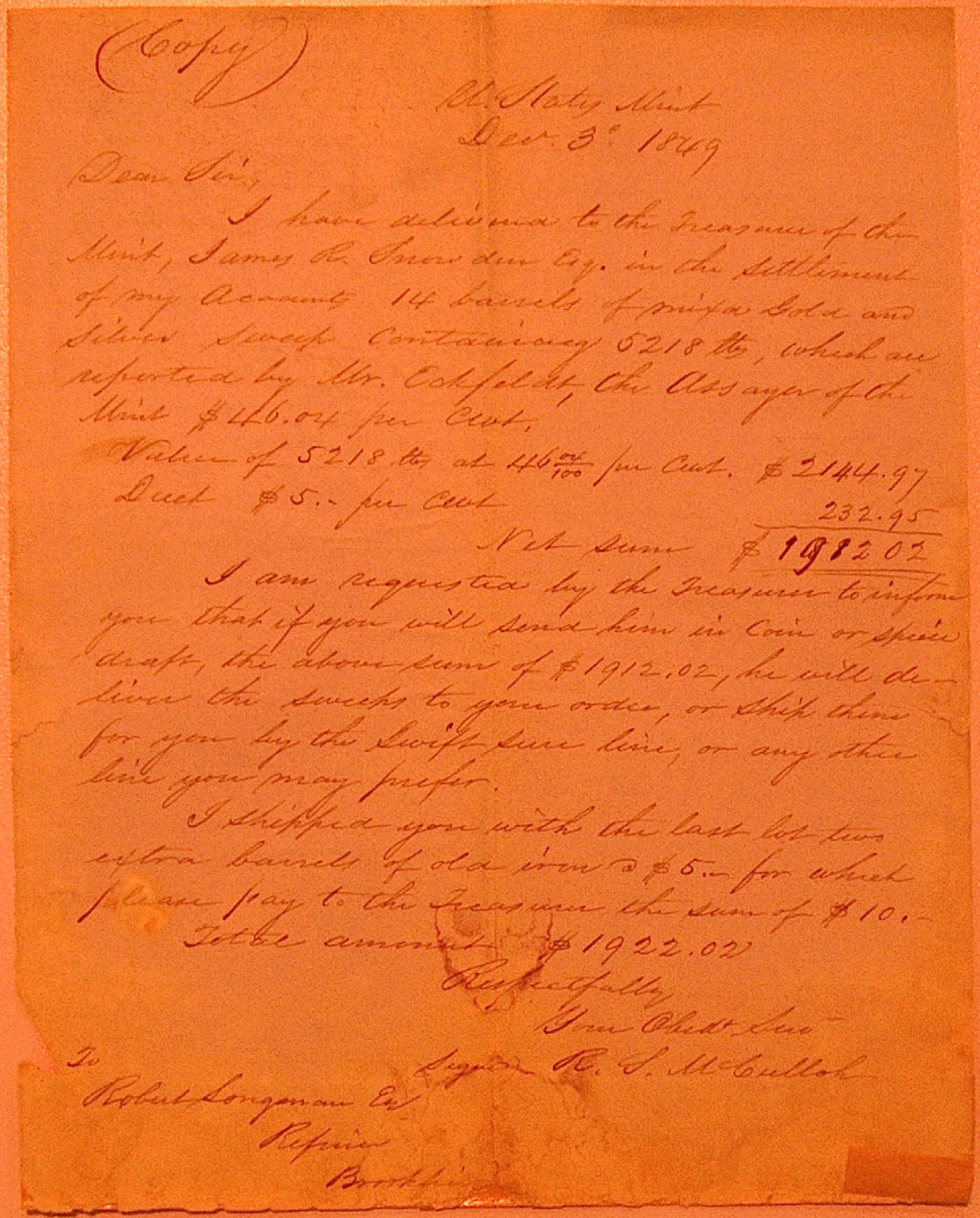
Sir,

Your letter of the 1st inst. came to the Mint this morning, and with it a bag marked M.H. which contained 32.93 oz of California Gold, but no doubloons, as you had expected would be found there. The dust had been in two parcels, but they were mingled together.

The value deposited can be paid only here, and in gold coins.

Very respectfully,
Yours &c.
R. M. Patterson,
Director

A. F. M. Horn, Esq.
New York.



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U. States Mint
Dec. 3^d 1849

Dear Sir,

I have delivered to the Treasurer of the Mint, James R. Snowden Esq. in the settlement of my Account 14 barrels of mixed Gold and Silver Sweeps containing 5218 lbs, which are reported by Mr. Eckfeldt, the Assayer of the Mint $46.04 per Cent,

Value of 5218 lbs at 46 04/100 per Cent.	$2144.97
Deduct $5.- per Cent	232.95
Net sum	$1912.02

I am requested by the Treasurer to inform you that if you will send him in Coin or Specie draft, the above sum of $1912.02, he will deliver the sweeps to your order, or ship them for you by the Swift Sure line, or any other line you may prefer.

I shipped you with the last lot two extra barrels of old iron @ $5.- for which please pay to the Treasurer the sum of $10.-

Total amount $1922.02

Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Signed R. S. McCulloh

To
Robert Longman Esq
Refiner
Brooklyn

Office Asst Treasurer
Charleston 3. Decr 1849

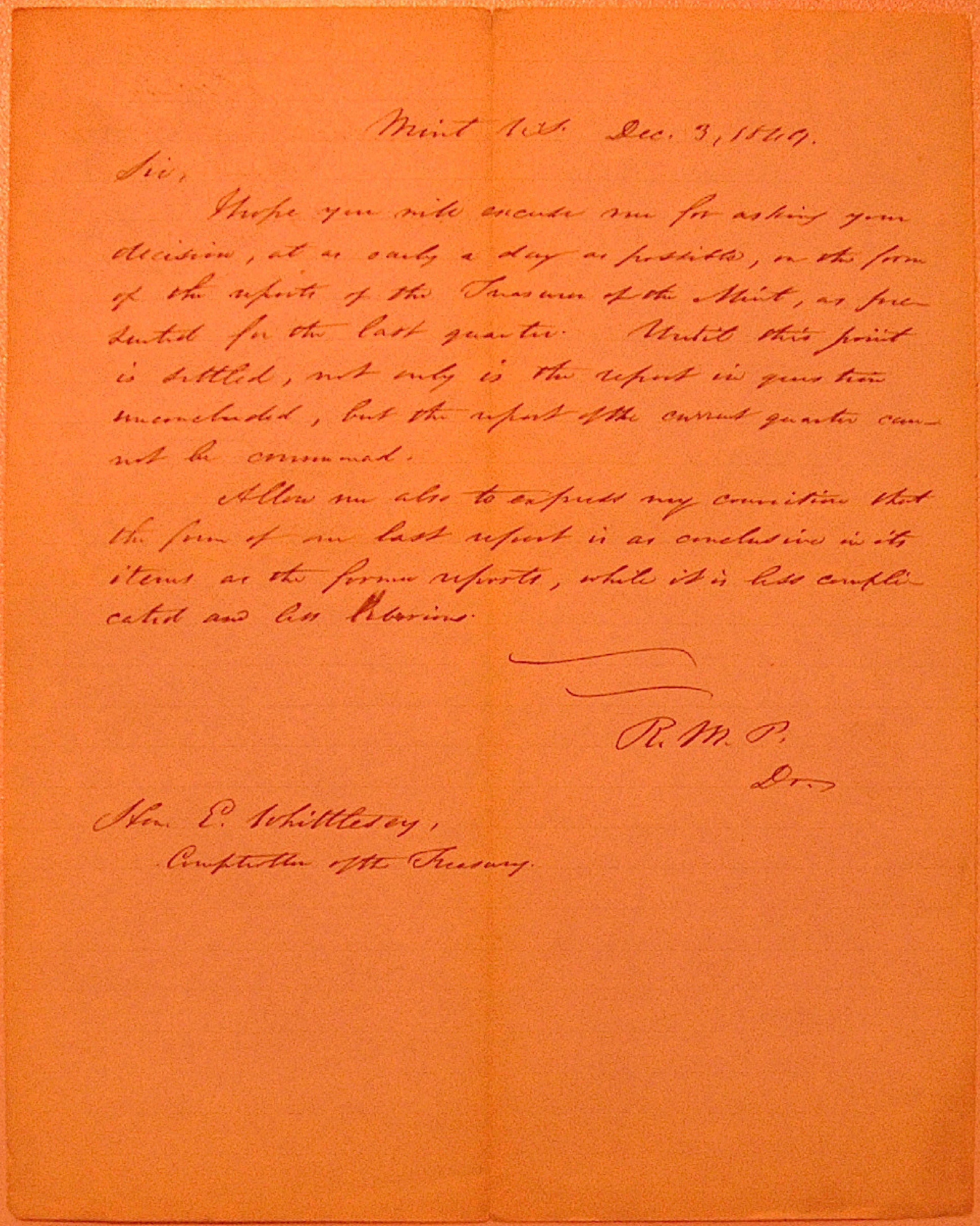
Sir

I duly received yours of 22d ulto informing me that under authority from the Secty of the Treasury you had ordered a set of weights suitable to the balance sent me not long since – I now write to inform you that it is understood here that the Steamer Columbus has been sold & will not return to this port, and that the Steamer Carolina now here goes to New York to be coppered and therefore it may be sometime before a Steamer will leave your City for this place –

The weights will doubtless be ready when you receive this and I request that they be sent by a sailing vessel unless you are satisfied that a Steamer will leave soon

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt St
Wm W Martin
Asst Tr

R.M. Patterson Esqr
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia



Mint U.S. Dec. 3, 1849.

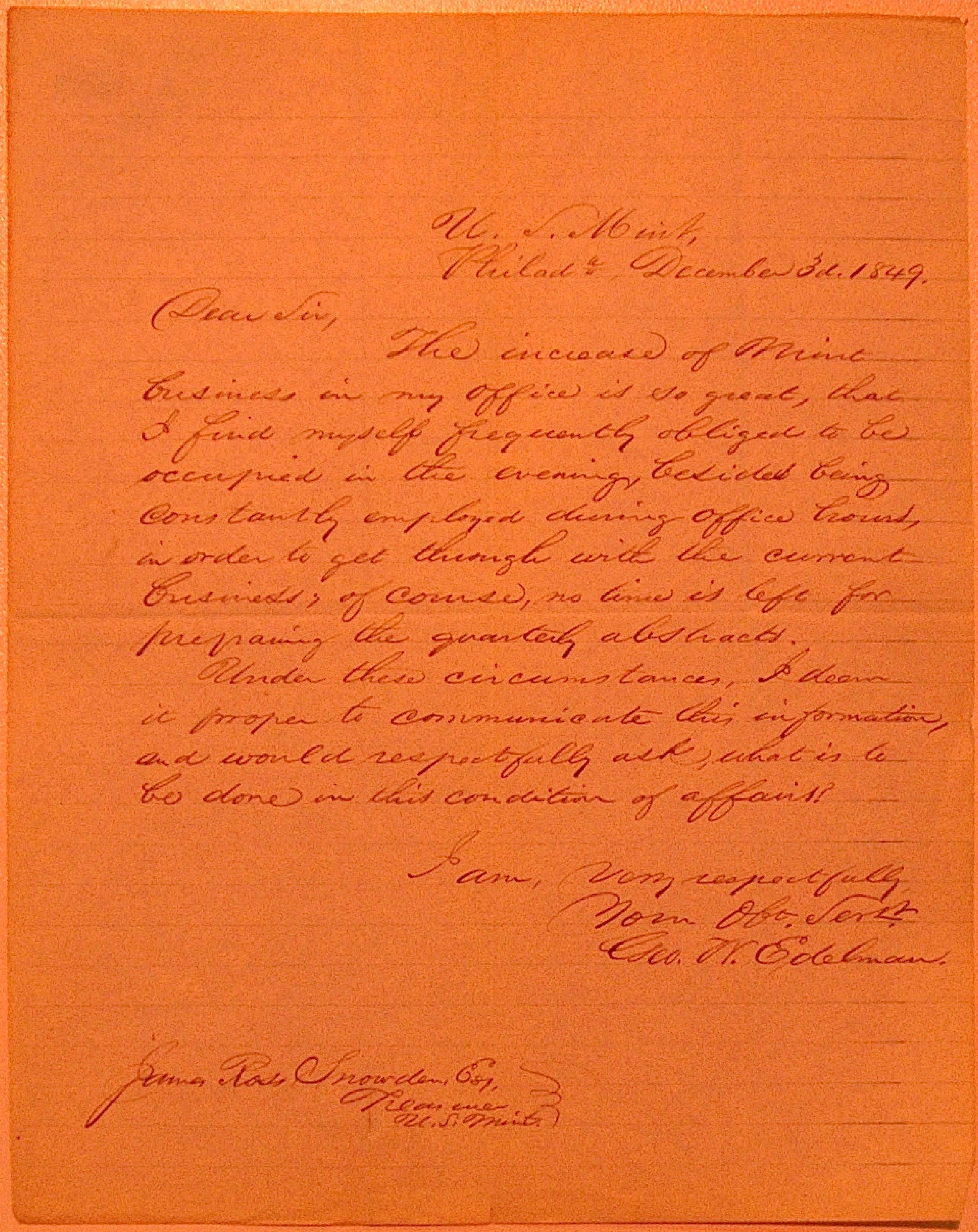
Sir,

I hope you will excuse me for asking your decision, at as early a day as possible, on the form of the reports of the Treasurer of the Mint, as presented for the last quarter. Until this point is settled, not only is the report in question unconcluded, but the report of the current quarter cannot be commenced.

Allow me also to express my conviction that the form of our last report is as conclusive in its items as the former reports, while it is less complicated and less laborious.

R. M. P.
Dr.

Hon. E. Whittlesey,
Comptroller of the Treasury.



U. S. Mint,
Philada, December 3d. 1849.

Dear Sir,

The increase of Mint business in my Office is so great, that I find myself frequently obliged to be occupied in the evening, besides being constantly employed during Office hours, in order to get through with the current business; of course, no time is left for preparing the quarterly abstracts.

Under these circumstances, I deem it proper to communicate this information, and would respectfully ask, what is to be done in this condition of affairs?

I am, very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Geo. W. Edelman.

James Ross Snowden, Esq,
Treasurer
U. S. Mint.

U. S. Mint, Philada. Dec. 3. 1849

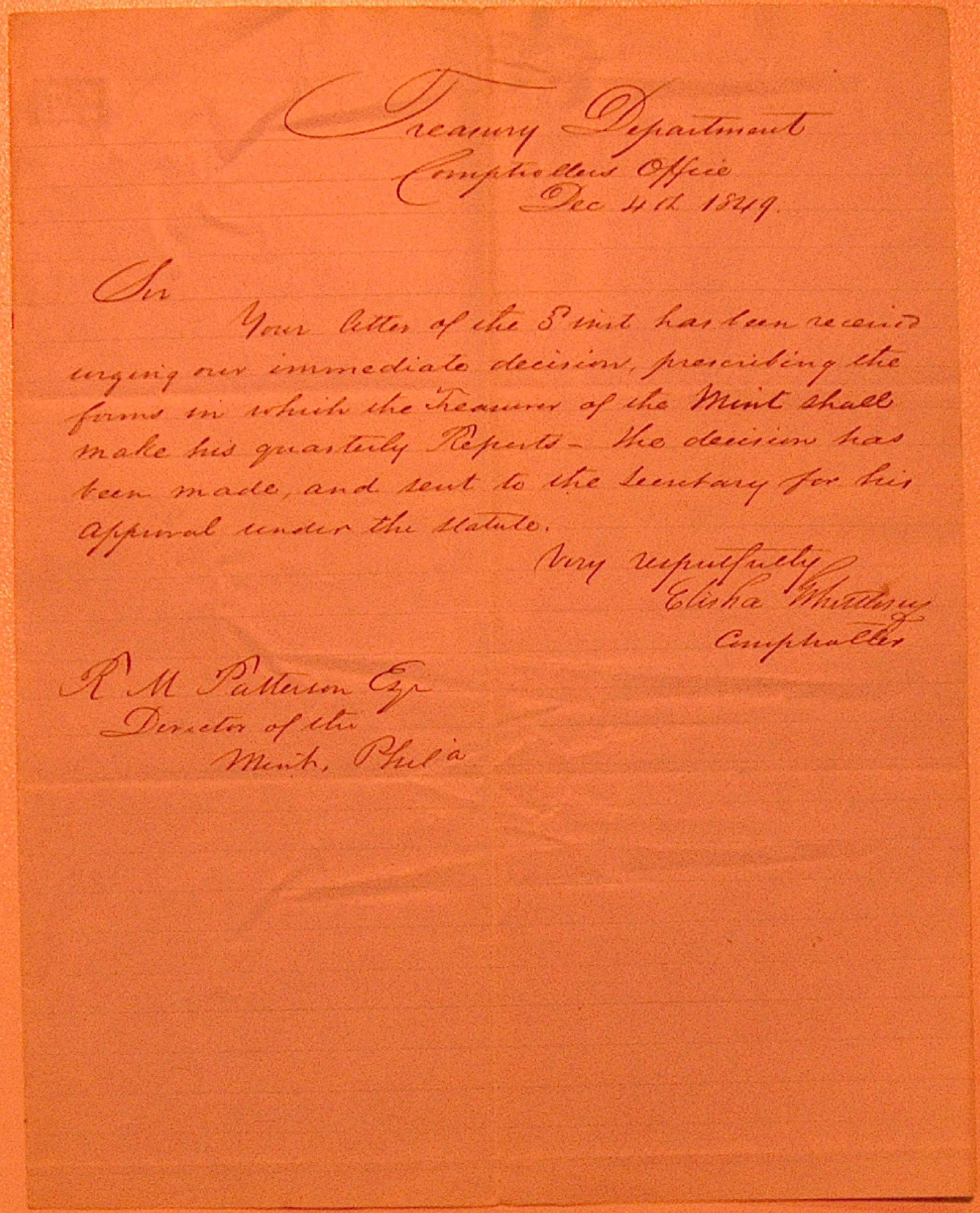
My dear Sir,

I respectfully refer the accompanying letter of Mr. Eckfeldt to your consideration.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your friend & obt. servt.

James Ross Snowden
Treas.

Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director U. S. Mint.



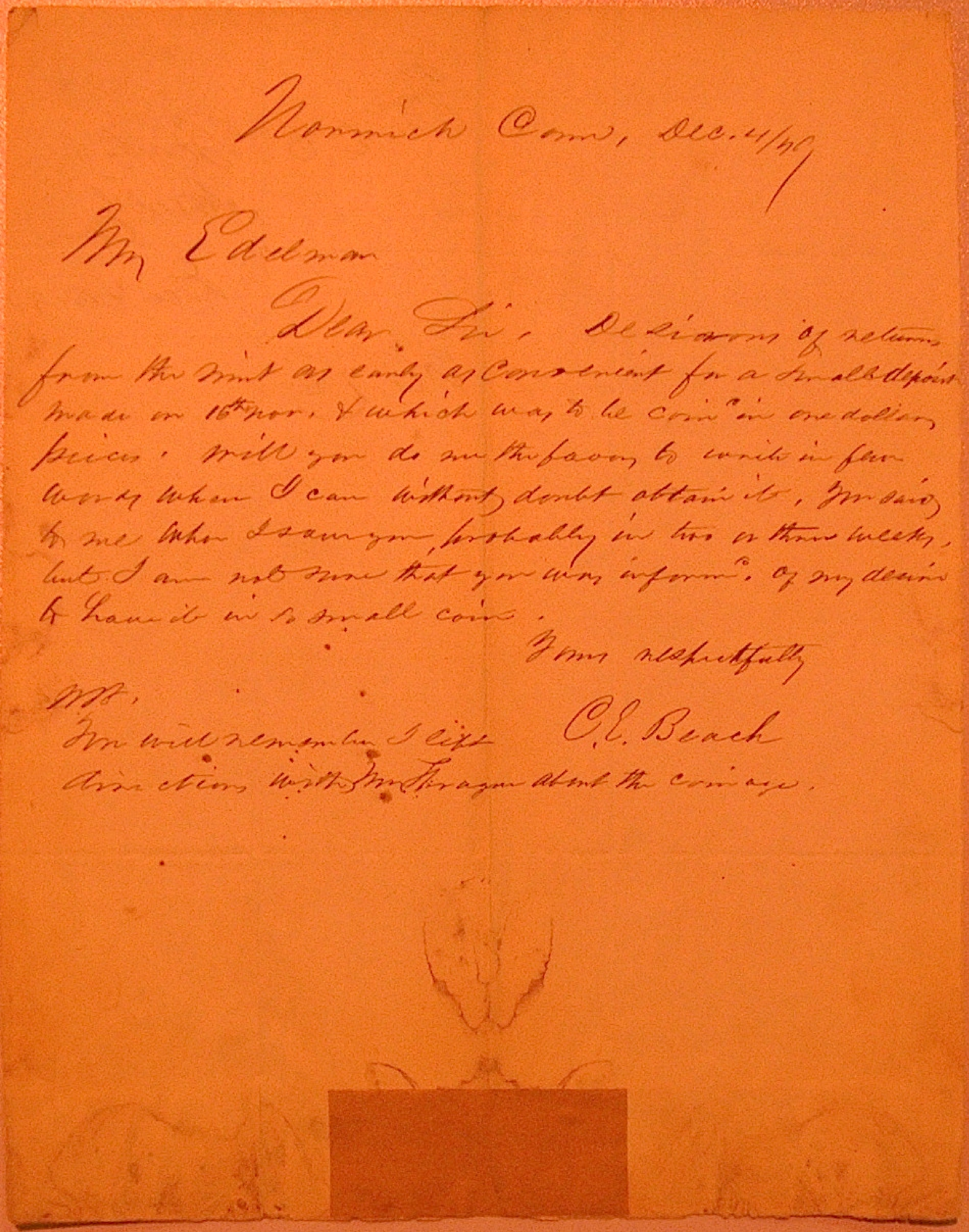
Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
Dec 4th 1849.

Sir

Your letter of the 3d inst has been received urging our immediate decision, prescribing the forms in which the Treasurer of the Mint shall make his quarterly Reports. The decision has been made, and sent to the Secretary for his approval under the statute.

Very respectfully
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller

R M Patterson Esqr
Director of the
Mint, Phil^a



Norwich Conn, Dec. 4/49

Mr Edelman

Dear Sir, Desirous of return from the Mint as early as convenient for a small deposit made on 16th Nov. & which was to be coin^{d} in one dollar pieces. Will you do me the favor to write in few words when I can without doubt obtain it, You said to me when I saw you, probably in two or three weeks, but I am not sure that you was inform^{d}. of my desire to have it in so small coin.

Yours respectfully

C. E. Beach

NB.

You will remember I left directions with Mr Shragen about the coinage.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Dec. 4, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to send herewith the official Bond
the
of James C. Booth, ~~[illegible]~~ upon and his sureties, as required by the 6th Sect. of the Mint Act of Jan 18, 1837, "before his entering upon the execution of his office" as Melter and Refiner of this Mint.

From inquiries which I have made of disinterested persons, I am satisfied that the sureties are fully adequate.

The Act requires that the sureties shall be to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury. ~~Allow me then to say that you will [illegible] on your decision, without delay, as in the [illegible] which the operations in an important department of the Mint are~~ must be arrested.

Mr. McCulloh closed his connection with the Mint on the first inst., and his accounts proved to be very satisfactory.

R. M. P.

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Sec. of Treasury.

The Sureties of Prof. Jas. C. Booth are Mr. C. Bolton of New York, and Mr. Wm. Coffin of Philadelphia. The date of the bond is 1st Dec. 1849.

The oath of office was given, at the same time, before Judge Kane, — who also expressed his satisfaction of the security of the Sureties.

Albany City Bank

Albany, Dec 6 1849

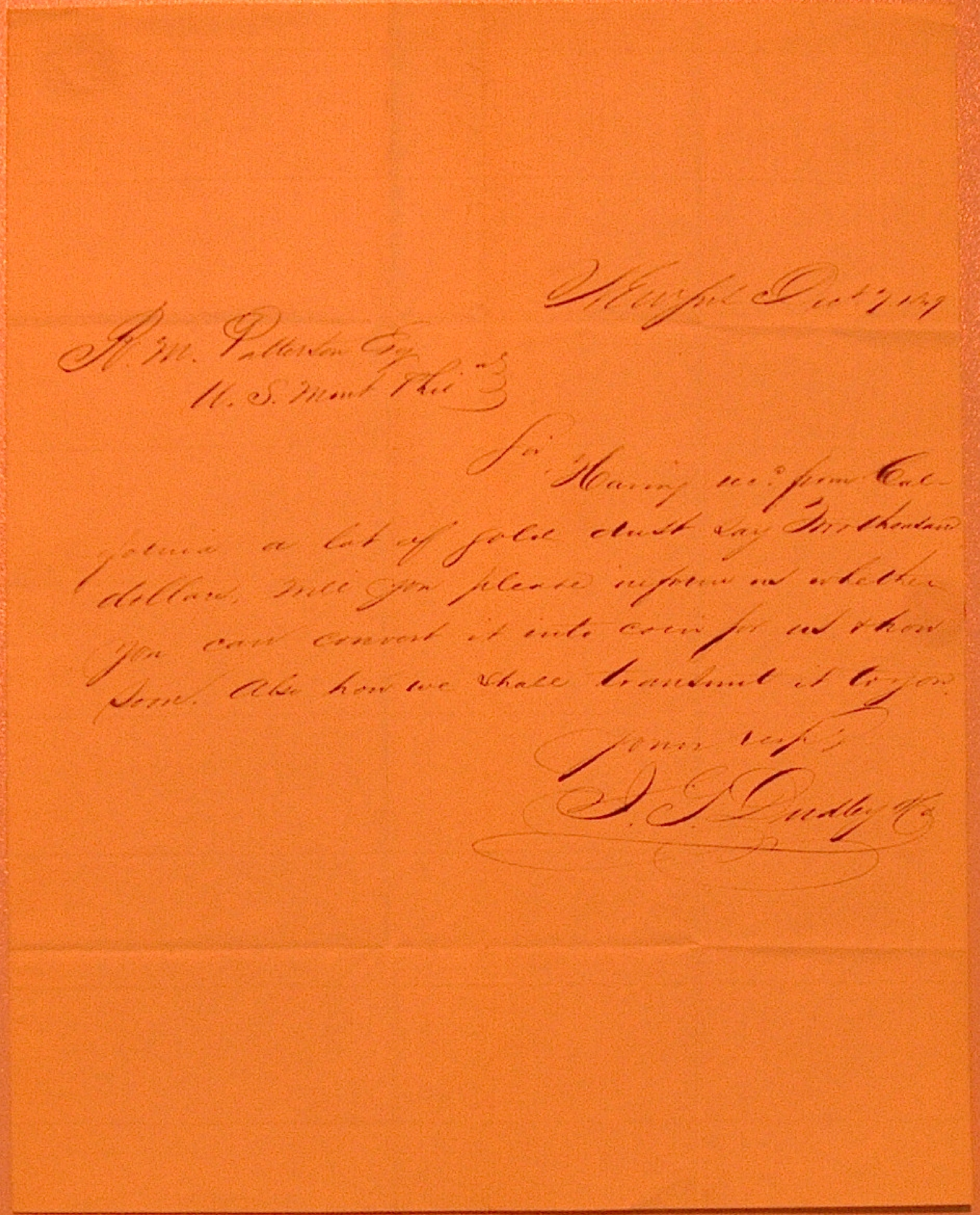
To
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Can you oblige us by furnishing for our use $500. in Dimes and $500. in ½ Dimes. We are at present very much in want of that amt. — If you can do so, have the goodness to advise us, and I will forward to you our draft on Bank State N.Y. for amt —

Respectfully
Your obt svt

Watts Sherman



Newport Dec 4/49

R. M. Patterson Esq
U. S. Mint Phila

Sir

Having rec^d from California a lot of gold dust say Two thousand dollars, will you please inform us whether you can convert it into coin for us & how soon. Also how we shall transmit it to you.

Yours resp'y
J. T. Dudley & Co

Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
Dec 7 1849

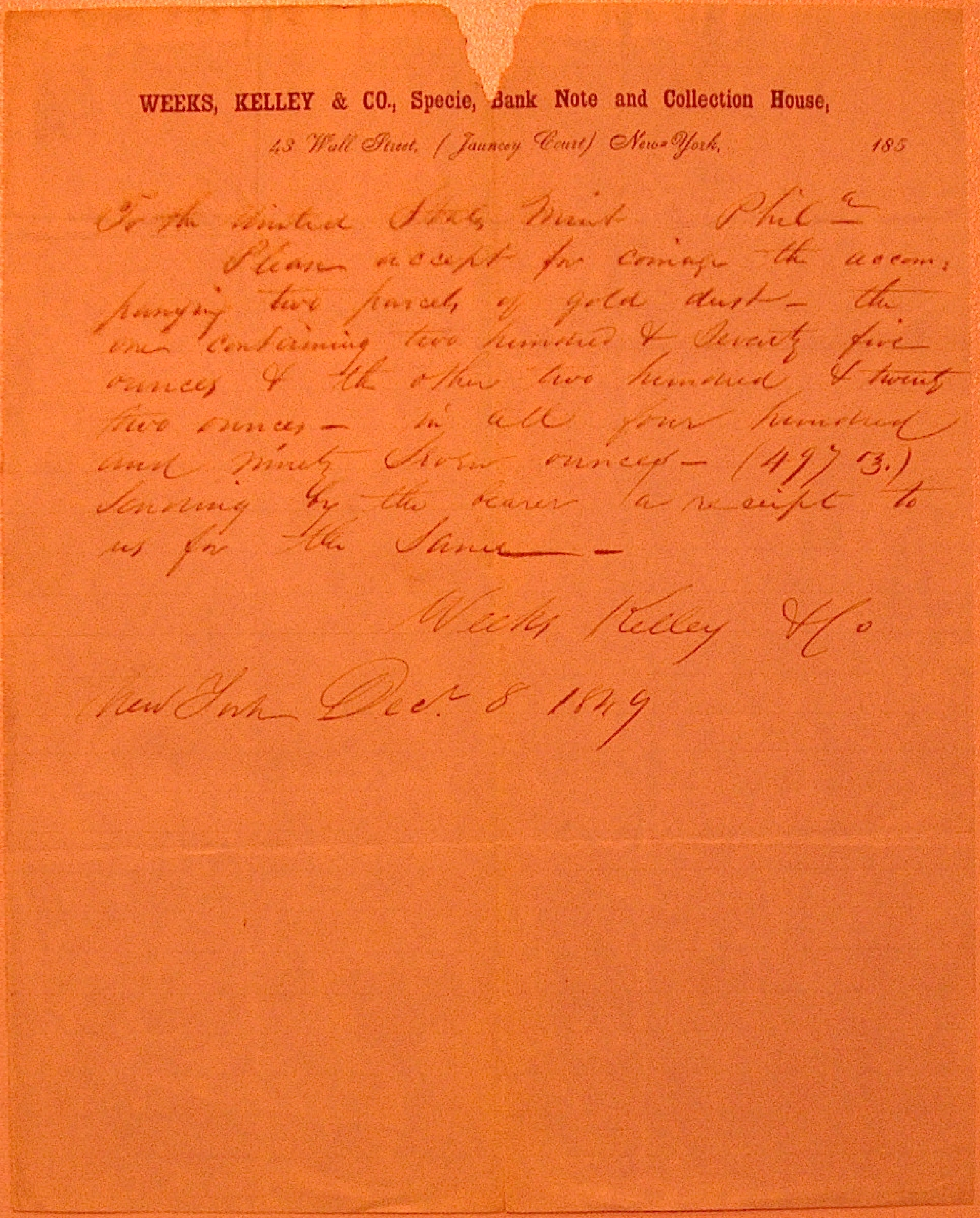
Sir

Enclosed herewith is a copy of instructions prescribing the forms, and mode in which, your quarterly accounts shall be presented to the accounting Officers for settlement. They have been submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, and approved by him.

Your account for the 3d quarter of 1849 which is now before the 1st Auditor will be passed in its present form, but all future accounts must be returned according to the forms prescribed.

Very respectfully
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller

James Roſs Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Phila.



WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

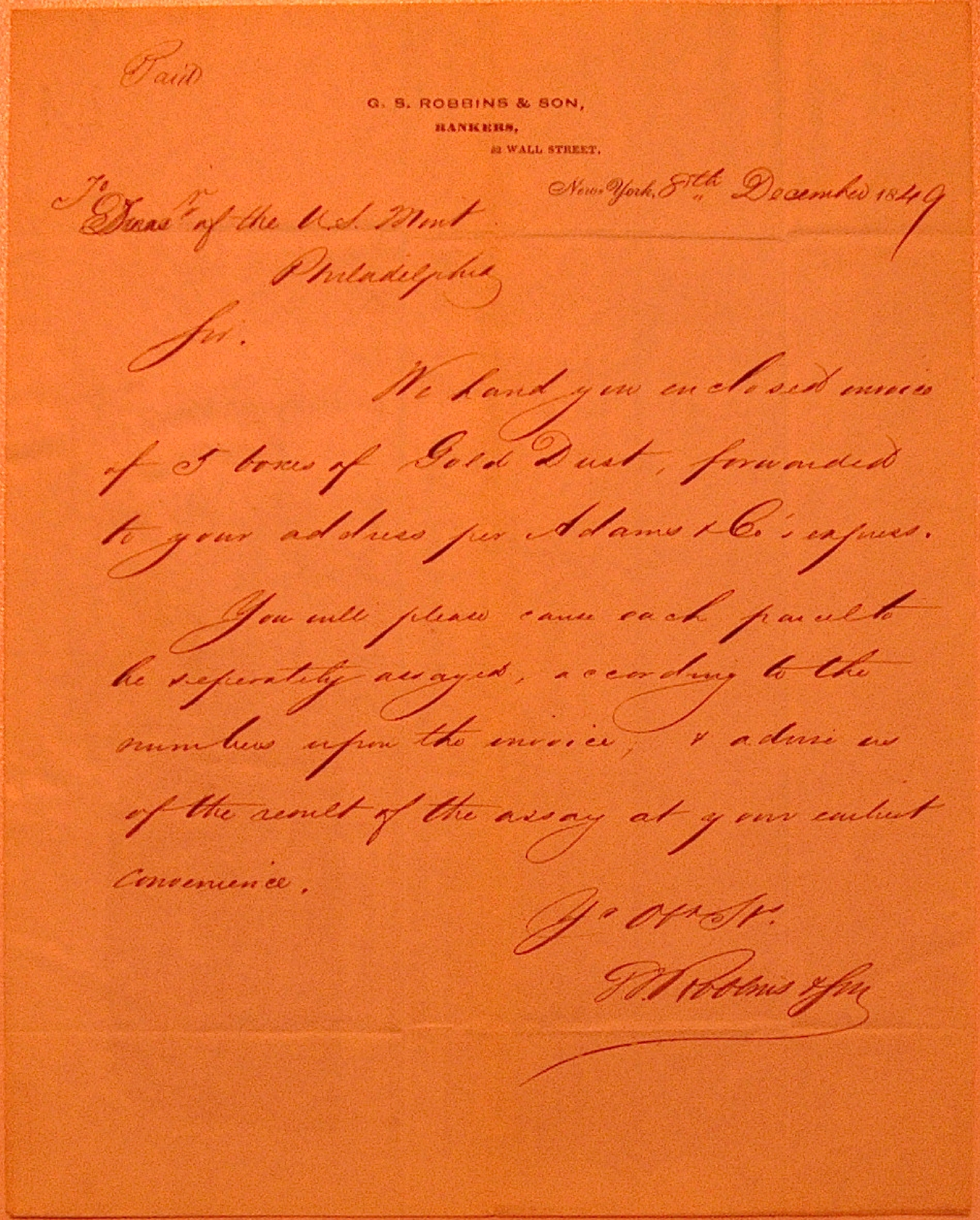
43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, 185

To the United States Mint Phil^a

Please accept for coinage the accom: panying two parcels of gold dust — the one containing two hundred & seventy five ounces & the other two hundred & twenty two ounces — in all four hundred and ninety seven ounces — (497 ℥.) Sending by the bearer a receipt to us for the same — —

Weeks Kelley & Co

New York Dec^r 8 1849



Paid

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
22 WALL STREET.

New-York, 8th December 1849

To Treas^r of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

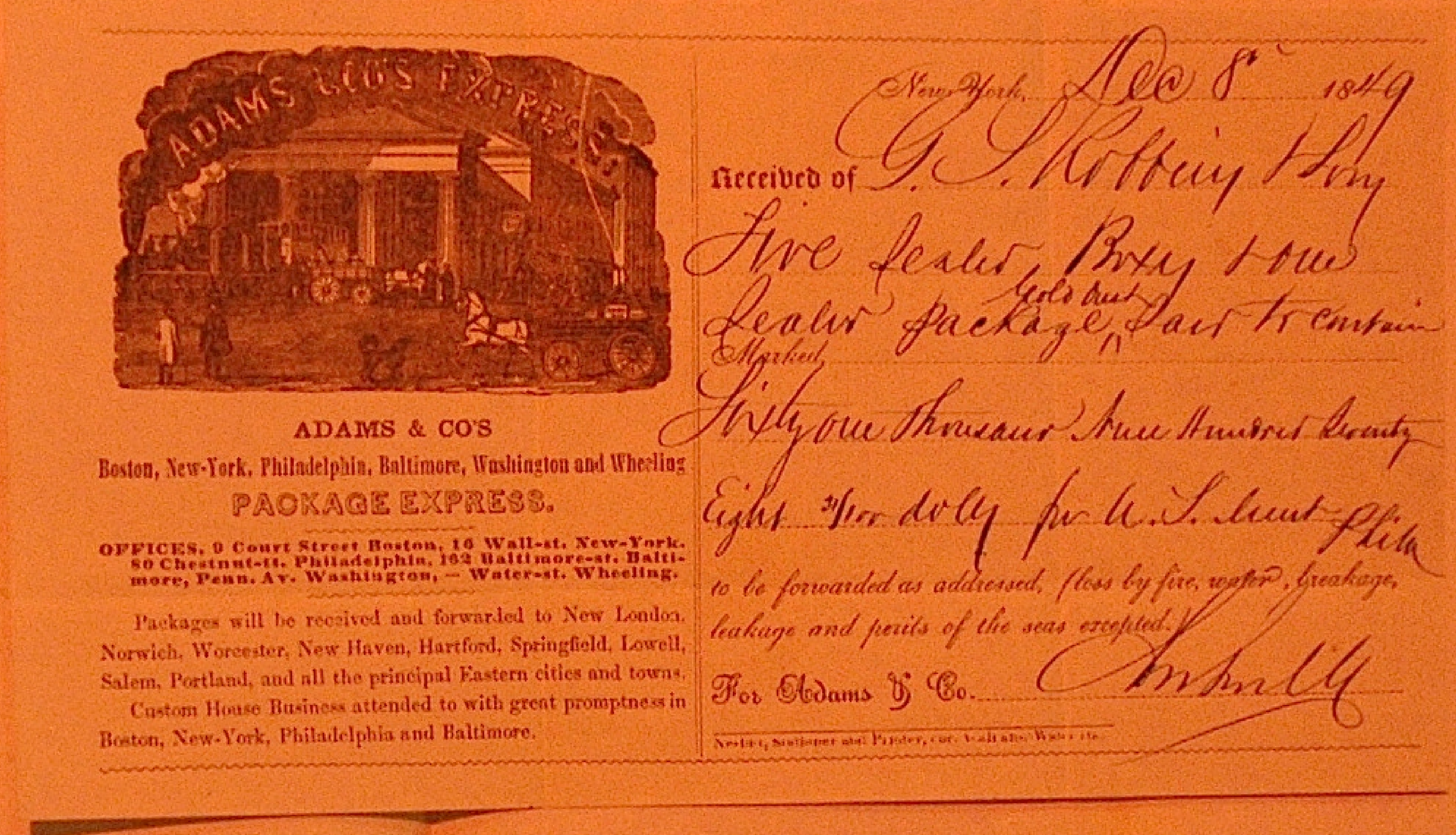
Sir.

We hand you enclosed invoice of 5 boxes of Gold Dust, forwarded to your address per Adams & Co's express.

You will please cause each parcel to be separately assayed, according to the numbers upon the invoice, & advise us of the result of the assay at your earliest convenience.

Yr Obt St.

G S Robbins & Son


ADAMS & CO'S EXPRESS

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Boston, New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Wheeling

PACKAGE EXPRESS.

OFFICES, 9 Court Street Boston, 16 Wall-st. New-York. 80 Chestnut-st. Philadelphia, 162 Baltimore-st. Baltimore, Penn. Av. Washington, — Water-st. Wheeling.

Packages will be received and forwarded to New London, Norwich, Worcester, New Haven, Hartford, Springfield, Lowell, Salem, Portland, and all the principal Eastern cities and towns.

Custom House Business attended to with great promptness in Boston, New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

New-York, Dec 8th 1849

Received of G. S. Robbins Esq

Five sealed Boxes & one sealed package Gold dust said to contain

Marked

Sixty one thousand three hundred Seventy Eight 25/100 dolls for U. S. Mint Phila

to be forwarded as addressed, (loss by fire, water, breakage, leakage and perils of the seas excepted.)

For Adams & Co.

Nesbitt, Stationer and Printer, cor. Wall and Water sts.

Mint U.S.
Philadelphia
Dec. 8, 1849.

Gentlemen
~~Sir,~~

The deposits of Gold are generally brought to us from New York, either by Adams & Co's, or Harnden's Express Line. I cannot tell at what time the amount of your deposit can be paid, but I think there will be but little delay.

R. M. P.
Dir

Messrs. J. G. Dudley & Co.
New York

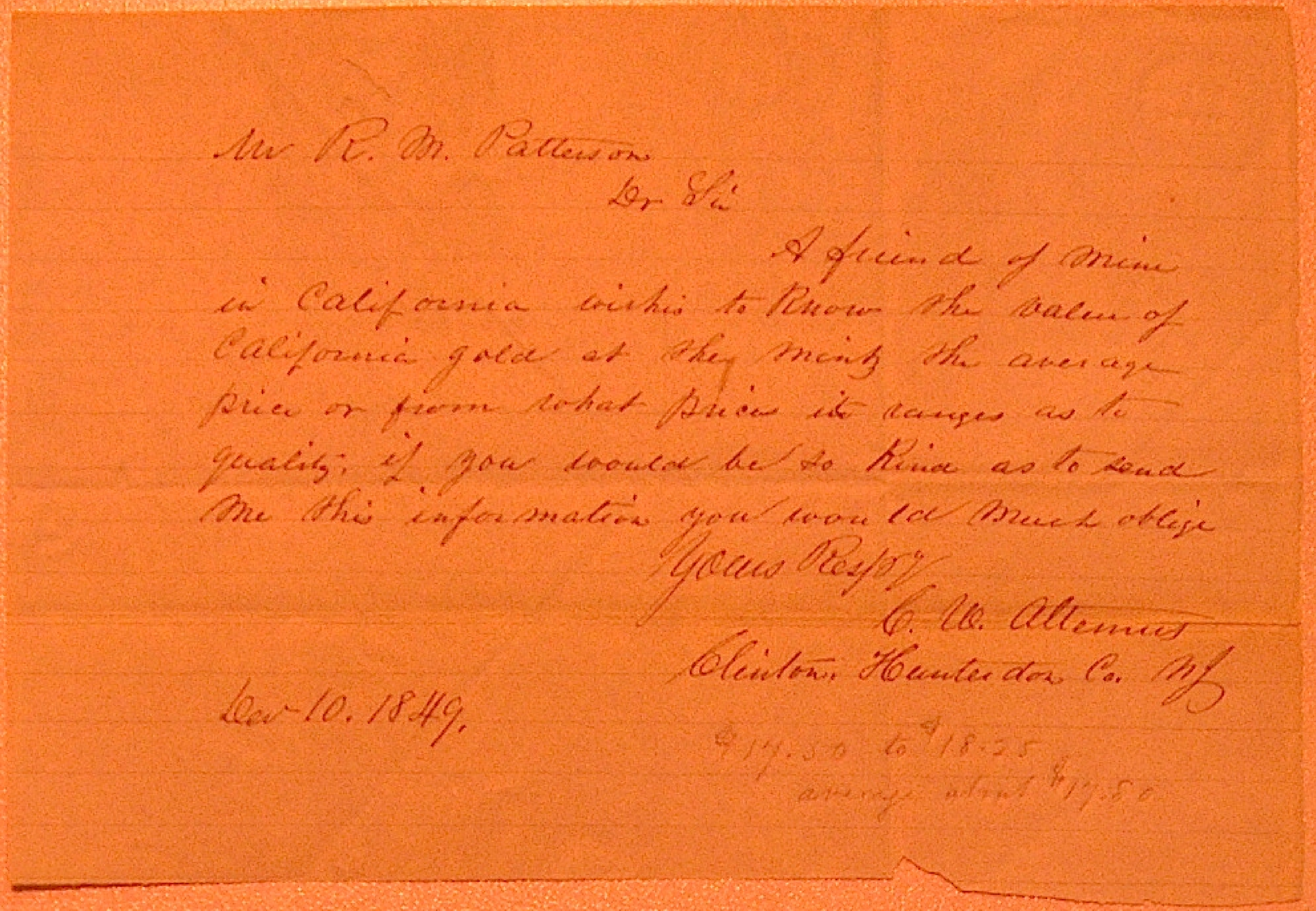
Mint U.S.
Phil. Dec. 8, 1849.

Sir,

The coins for which you ask in your letter of the 6th inst. cannot be furnished to you except for silver bullion or foreign coins deposited at the Mint. If you make such a deposit, the value in dimes & half-dimes can be ~~returned to~~ paid, as desired, with little delay.

R.M.P.
Dir.

Nath. Sherman, Esq.
City Bank
Albany.



Mr R. M. Patterson

Dr Sir

A friend of mine in California wishis to Know the valu of California gold at they mint the average price or from what Price it ranges as to quality; if you would be so Kind as to send me this information you would much oblige

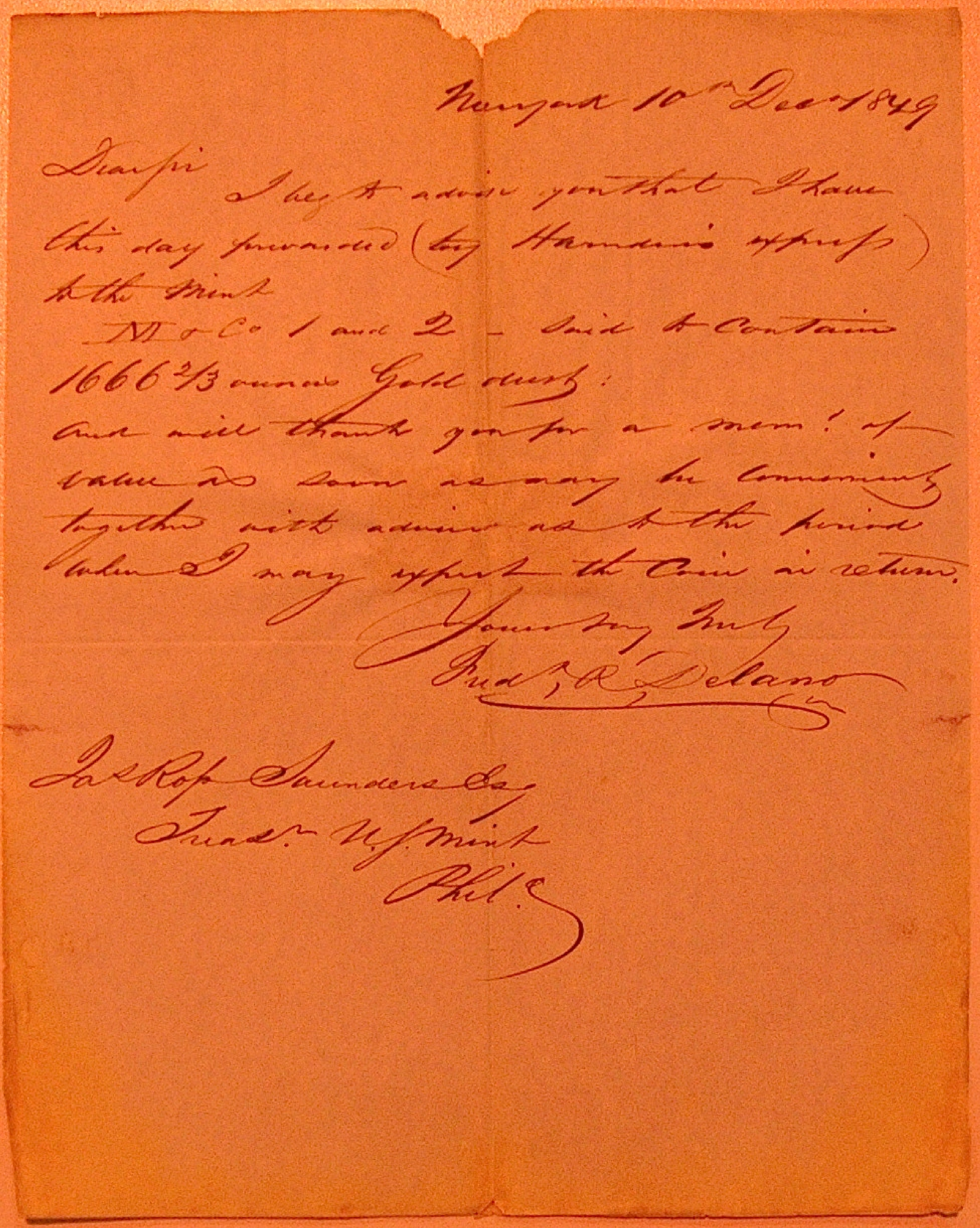
Yours Respy

C. W. Altemus

Clinton Hunterdon Co. NJ

Dec 10. 1849.

$17.50 to $18.25
average about $17.50



Newyork 10th Decr 1849

Dear Sir

I beg to advise you that I have this day forwarded (by Harnden's Expreſs) to the Mint

M & Co 1 and 2 — said to contain 1666 2/3 ounces Gold dust:

And will thank you for a memo. of value as soon as may be convenient together with advice as to the period when I may expect the Coin in return.

Yours very Truly
Fredk. R. Delano

Jas Roſs Snowden Esq
Treasr. U.S. Mint
Phila

Post Office
Baltimore Dec 10th 1859

Dear Sir

On the 14th November last, I sent to the Mint at Phila, "by Adams & Co Expres" 600 $ in Spanish Coin, and have heard nothing of it since, although I have written to the Supt. at the Mint— Can I ask the favour of you to ascertain if the money has been recd. and when I may expect a remittance in return— Hoping to have an opportunity of reciprocating your attention to this matter,

Very Respectfully
Yours
J. Hanson Belt jr

Jno. E. Latty Esqr
Asst. P.M.
Philada

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
52 WALL STREET.

New York, 10th December 1849

To
Director of the U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Dr Sir,

We enclose Adams & Co recpt. for 1 package of Gold Dust forward to your address, which we will thank you have assayed.

On Saturday we forwarded to your address per same conveyance, six parcels of Gold Dust, which we trust may have reached you in safety

Yours truly
G. S. Robbins & Son

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia,
Dec. 10, 1849.

Sir,

By the 3d sect. of the Mint Law of Jan. 18, 1837, it is enacted "That the Director shall appoint, with the approbation of the President, assistants to the Assayer, Melter and Refiner, Chief Coiner, and Engraver, and Clerks for the Director and Treasurer, whenever on representation made by the Director to the President, it shall be the opinion of the President that such assistants or Clerks are necessary."

Under the terms of this enactment, I beg leave most respectfully to ask, through you, for the President's consent to the introduction of an additional Clerk for the Treasurer. The necessity for this measure has become urgent, in consequence of the great increase of labor of this department of the Office, caused by the large receipts of gold from California. Under ~~the former system~~ the beginning of this institution, the Treasurer had three Clerks, and he continued to have this number until two years since, when, on the occurrence of a vacancy, the number was reduced to two; and they proved sufficient, until the introduction of the California gold, which has so greatly increased the labor in the Treasurer's department, as to make the employment of an additional Clerk of urgent necessity; and I therefore most respectfully ask, through you, for the President's consent to this measure.

I beg leave to confirm my request by the following statements.

The number of gold and silver deposits in 1847 amounted to 1302; in 1848 they amounted to 1102; thus making the total in these two years 2404. Now the number of deposits in the 11 months of the present year is 2416; being more than ~~double~~ equal to the whole number in the two preceding years; and the deposites of the present month are likely to exceed those of any previous one.

As a necessary consequence the labor in preparing certificates for deposits, in paying depositors, in preparing blanks for the assay reports and depositors' memorandums, and in the accounts and abstracts sent to the Department, has been increased in the like proportion. But, in fact, the office labor is increased in a much greater proportion than the mere increase of deposites. By far the greater part of these are in California gold, and most of these contain a sufficient proportion of silver to be separated for the benefit of the depositors. Whenever this is the case a calculation must be made, 1st of the amount of standard gold and its value; 2d of the amount of standard silver and its value; 3d of the charges for parting them, and of the silver and copper alloy used in preparing them for coinage; lastly of the net amount payable to the depositors. The labor in calculating the value of a partible deposite is therefore at least three times that of one not partible. It is necessary, also, for the security of the depositors and the ~~public~~ government that these estimates be doubly verified, and accordingly no deposite is paid until separate calculations, made by different Clerks, are shown to correspond.

These labors have proved to be too heavy for the Clerks, ~~though working at them day and night~~ and I therefore most respectfully and earnestly beg that the President may consent to the engagement of an additional Clerk.

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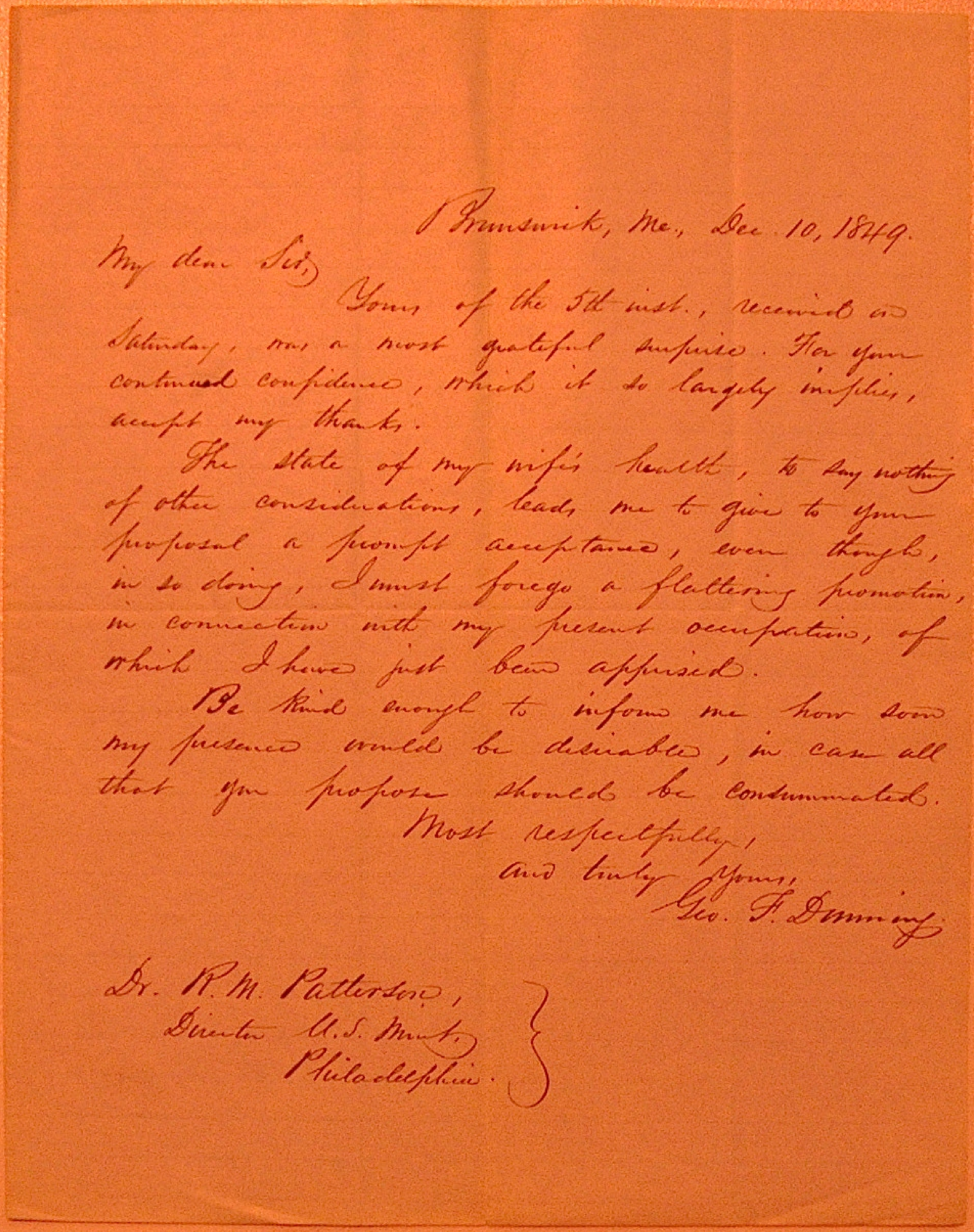
R. M. P.
Dir.

To Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

* In the 7th Sect. of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837, it is enacted that such annual salaries shall be allowed to the Clerks as the Director may determine, with the approbation of the President; Provided that a Clerk shall not receive more than twelve hundred dollars. This sum of $1200 is paid to the Clerks now in the Mint, and I would respectfully recommend that the additional Clerk should receive the same amount.



Brunswick, Me., Dec. 10, 1849.

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 5th inst., received on Saturday, was a most grateful surprise. For your continued confidence, which it so largely implies, accept my thanks.

The state of my wife's health, to say nothing of other considerations, leads me to give to your proposal a prompt acceptance, even though, in so doing, I must forego a flattering promotion, in connection with my present occupation, of which I have just been apprised.

Be kind enough to inform me how soon my presence would be desirable, in case all that you propose should be consummated.

Most respectfully,
and truly yours,
Geo. F. Dunning

Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Philada Dec 10: 1849

To The Treasurer of U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Please give to Messrs Boyle & Stund a certificate for Seventeen ounces, four dwt and Thirteen grains of Gold Dust out of the two bags left at your mint this morning with my address upon them.

Oblige

Your Obt Servant

Sam Pleasants

R M Patterson Esq

Director
Mint of the U States
Philadelphia

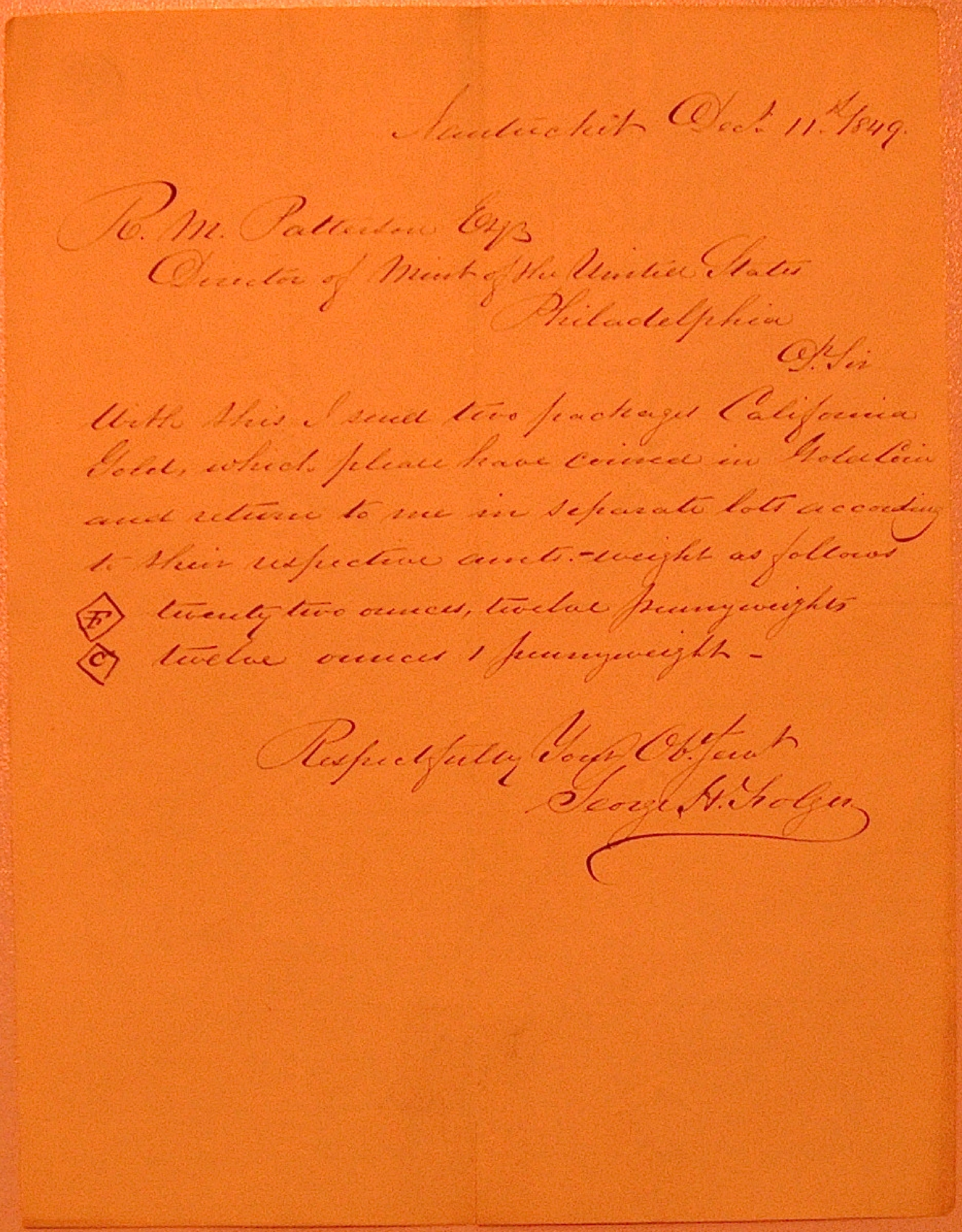
New York 11 October 1849

Sir,

I am in possession of your favor of 5 inst. advising receipt of 32.93 ounces of California Gold Dust. Mess Harnden & Co through whom I had it transmitted, having no doubt obtained a receipt from you I suppose, the Proceeds in Coin will be paid to them to be handed over to me — Should such be the case, no answer to the present is needed.

I am Sir very respectfully

Hellöring



Nantucket Dec. 11th 1849

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of Mint of the United States
Philadelphia

Dr Sir

With this I send two packages California Gold, which please have coined in Gold Coin and return to me in separate lots according to their respective ounce-weight as follows

F twenty two ounces, twelve pennyweights
C twelve ounces 1 pennyweight –

Respectfully Your Obt Servt
George H. Folger

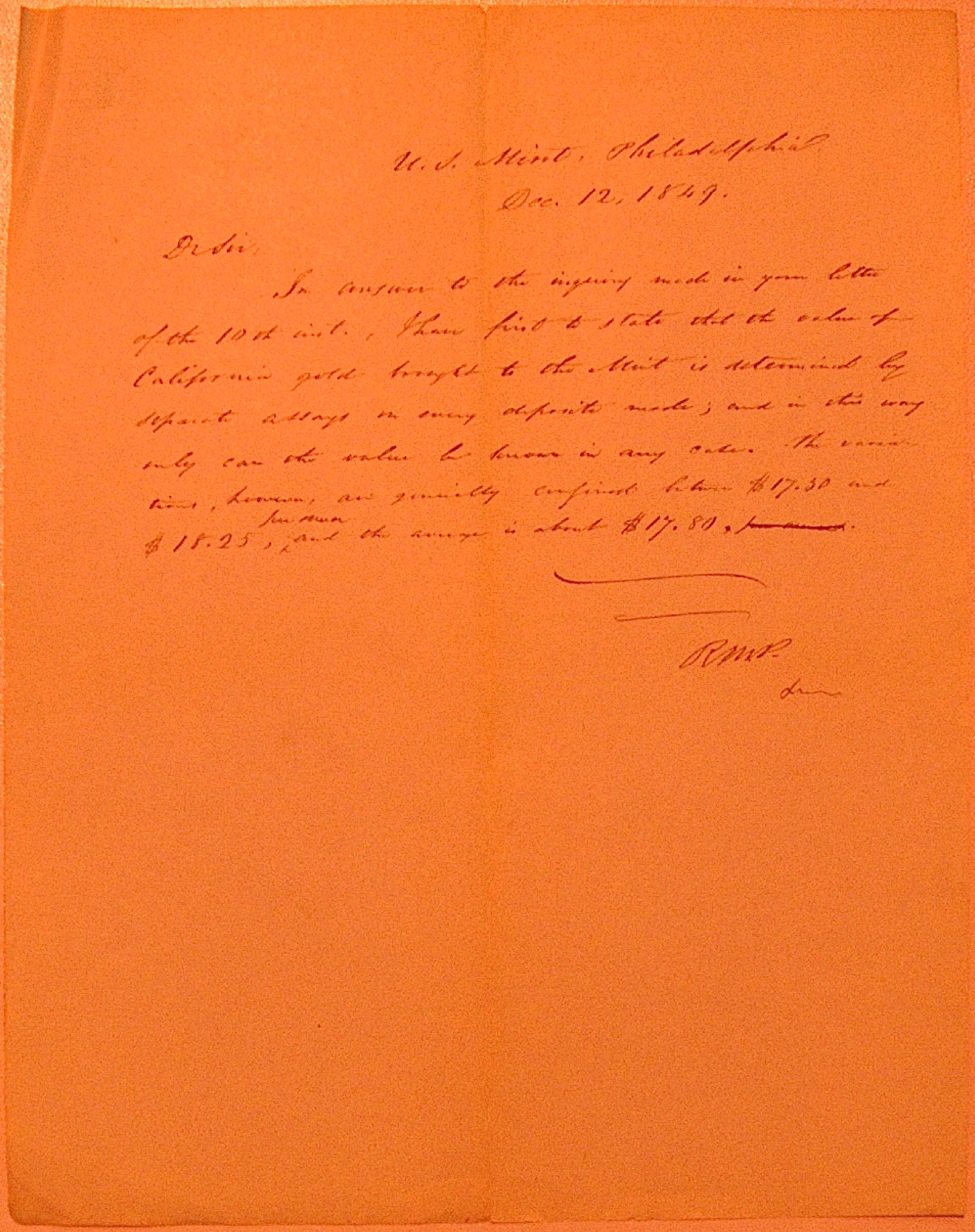
New Haven Ct Dec 10th 1849

Treasurer of United States Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Accompanying this I send 3 lb 1/2 pwts Calⁿ Gold Dust for Coinage will you please send me a statement as soon as it is assayed also when I can realize &c

Yours Very Respectfully
Wm W. Beecher



U. S. Mint, Philadelphia
Dec. 12, 1849.

Dr Sir,

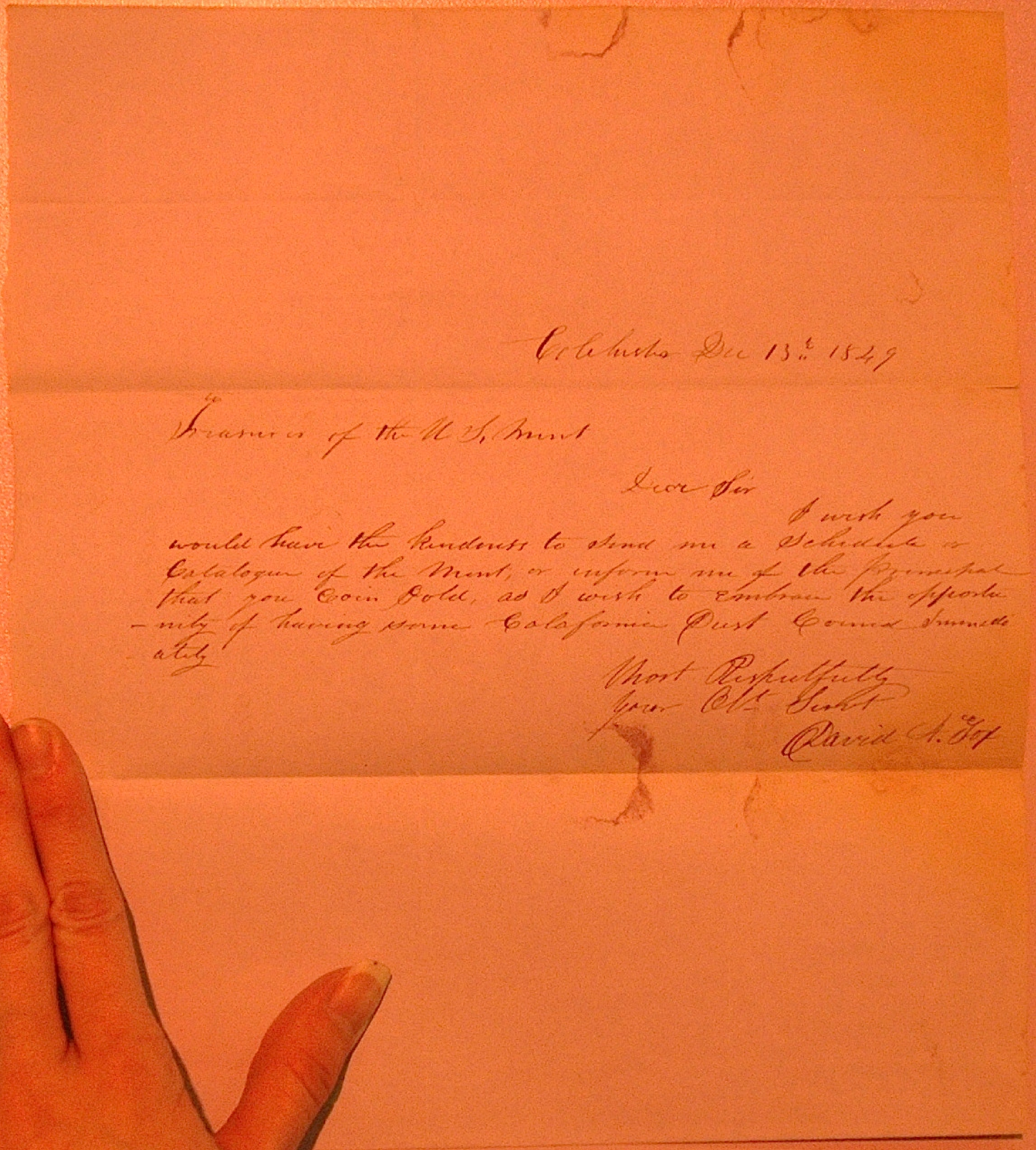
In answer to the inquiry made in your letter of the 10th inst., I have first to state that the value of California gold brought to the Mint is determined by separate assays on every deposit made; and in this way only can the value be known in any case. The variations, however, are generally confined between $17.30 and $18.25, per ounce and the average is about $17.80, ~~[illegible]~~.

R.M.P.

North Providence Dec 18 1849

Enclosed in the bag are 27^{dwts}13^{grs} = 92 of Sacramento North Fork Gold & some in the phial. I do not know the weight of. Please coin into one half & quarter Eagles & a few dollars if necessary. Please keep the gold in the phial by itself & let me know the amt. when you return it coined as it belongs to another. This will of course be coined & returned in its turn.

Ira Barrows



Colubus Dec 13th 1849

To
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

I wish you would have the kindness to send me a Schedule or Catalogue of the Mint, or inform me of the Principal that you Coin Gold, as I wish to embrace the opportunity of having some Calafornia Dust Coined immediately

Most Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
David A. Foy

Confidential. Mint U.S.

Philada. Dec. 13. 1844.

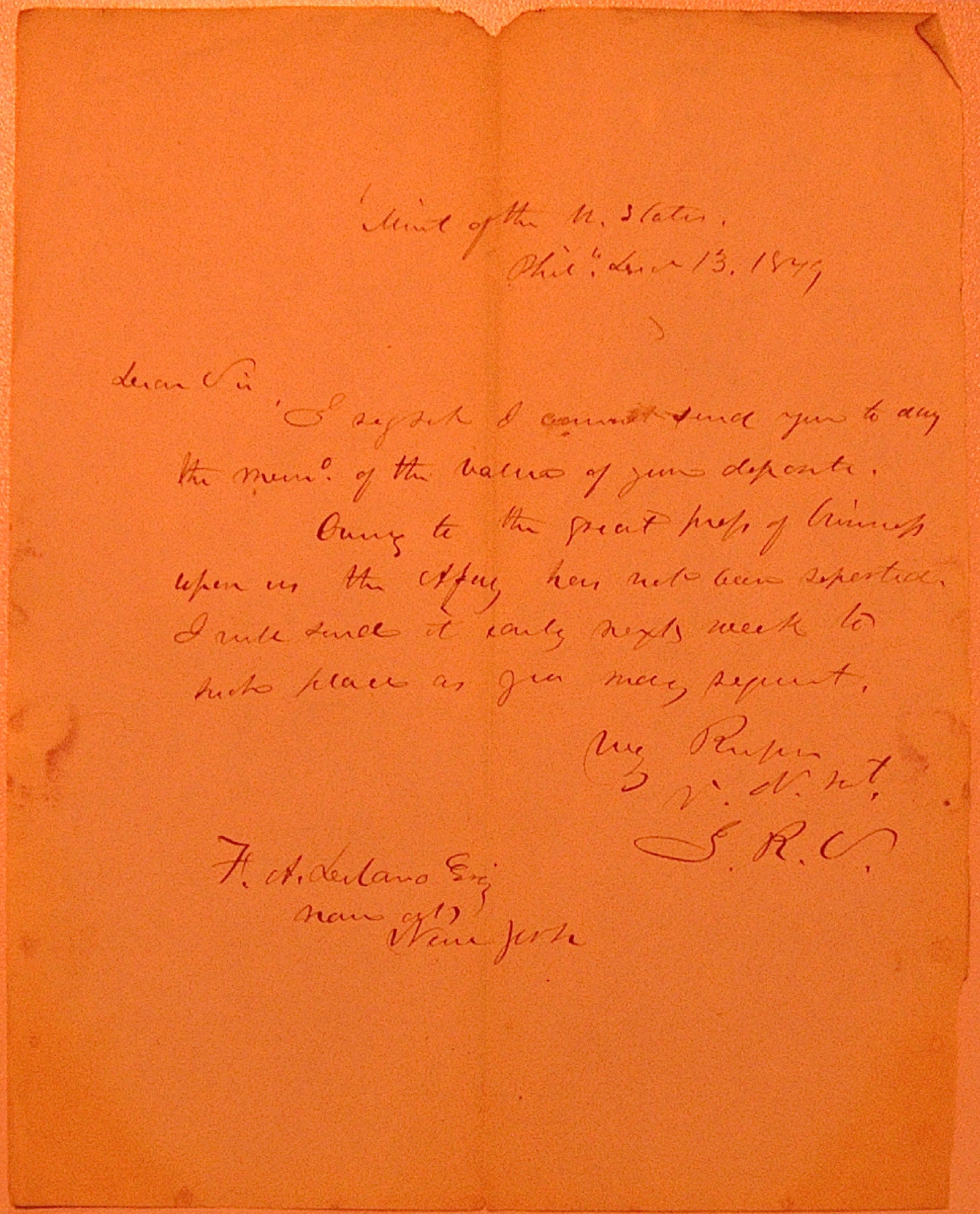
Dear Sir,

I have been gratified by the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., and I think it proper to let you know at once the condition in which the case in question now stands.

I wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury, on the 10th inst., to ask through him, the consent of the President to the employment of a third clerk for the Treasurer of the Mint. ~~As soon as this~~ If the answer be favorable to my wishes, I will at once apply to the President for his consent to your appointment. ~~Th~~ As soon as this is done, I will let you know, and by telegraph if possible, and then I shall expect you with the least delay.

R. M. P.

Mr. Geo. F. Dunning,
Brunswick. Me.



Mint of the U. States.
Phil.a Dec. 13. 1849

Dear Sir,

I regret I cannot send you to day the mem.o of the value of your deposit.

Owing to the great press of business upon us the Assay has not been reported. I will send it early next week to such place as you may request.

Very Respy
Y. ob. st,
J. R. C.

F. A. Delano Esq.
care of
New York

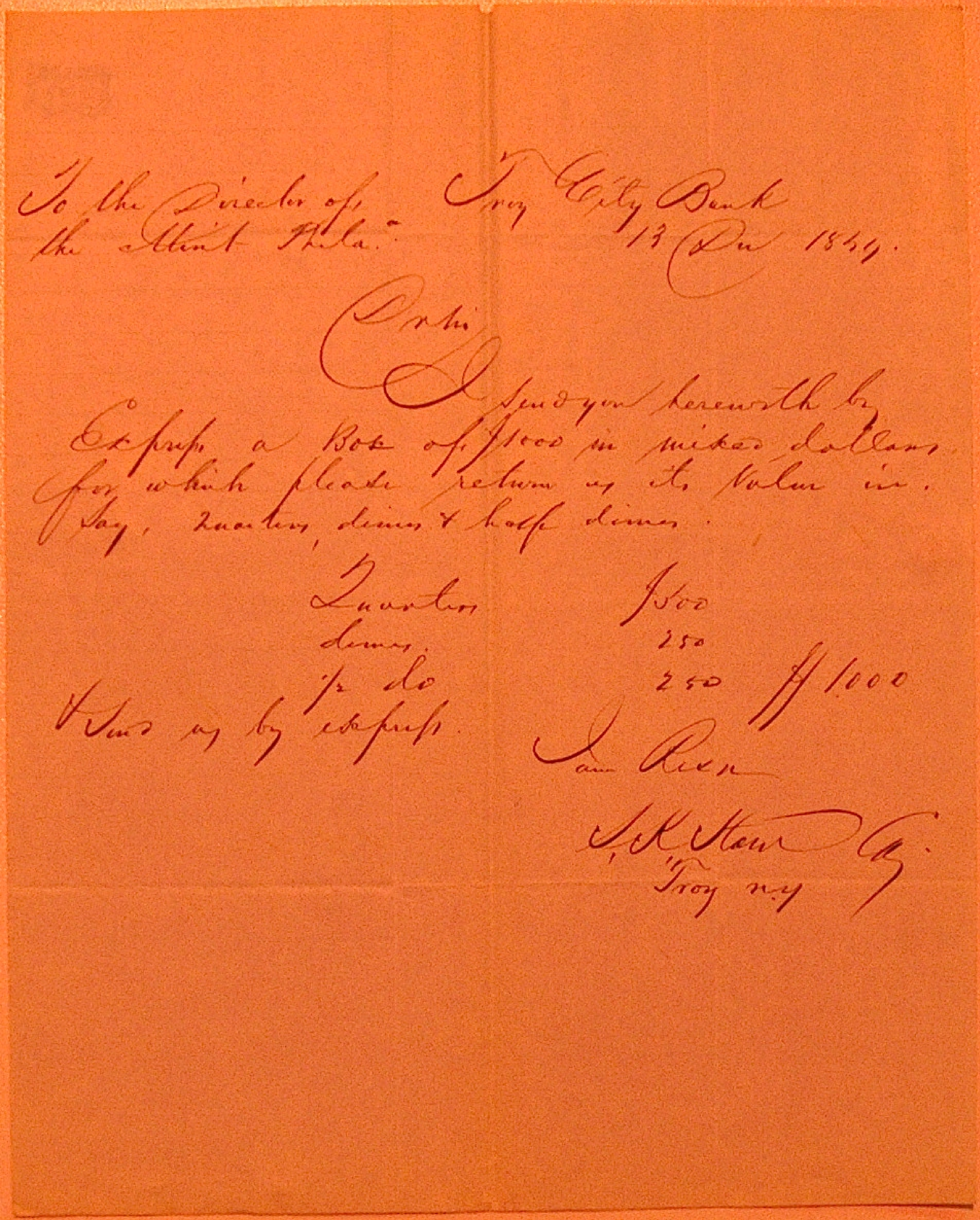
Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
December 13th 1849

Sir

You will please furnish at your Earliest Convenience Abstracts of Silver Contained in Gold deposits & Gold contained in Silver Dep. corresponding to the Assayers Reports with your accounts for the 3d Quarter of 1849, now in course of examination in this office—

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
T. L. Smith

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia



To the Director of
the Mint Phila.

Troy City Bank
13 Dec 1849.

Gentn

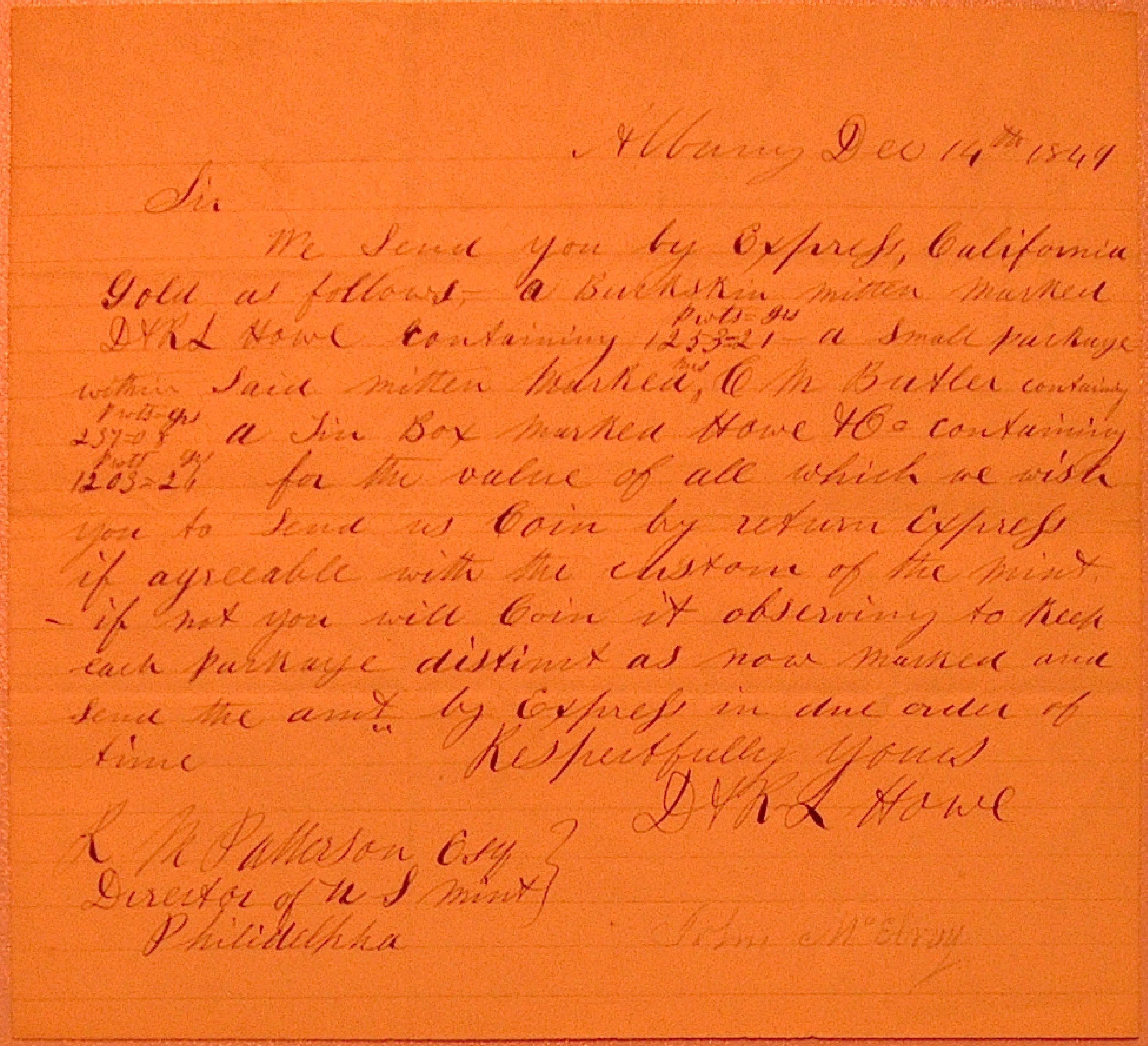
I send you herewith by
Expreſs a Box of $1000 in mixed dollars
for which please return us its value in.
Say, quarters, dimes & half dimes.

Quarters	$500	
dimes	250	
½ do	250	$1000

& send us by expreſs.

I am Resp

S. K. Stow Ca
Troy N.Y



Albany Dec 14th 1849

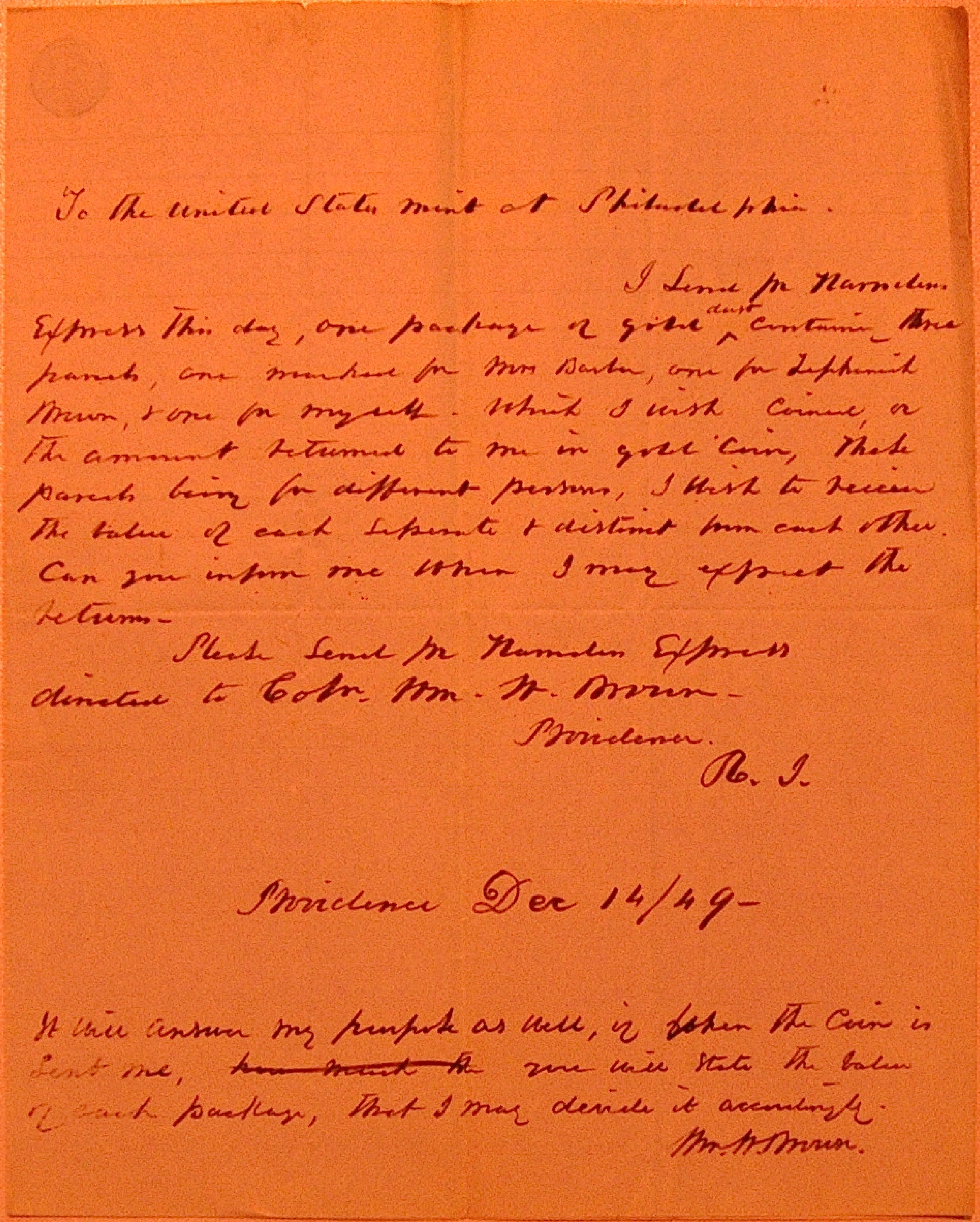
Sir

We send you by Express, California Gold as follows, a Buckskin mitten marked D & R L Howe containing $\overset{\text{Dwts = grs}}{1253=21}$ a small package within said mitten marked, C M Butler containing $\overset{\text{Dwts = grs}}{237=08}$ a Tin Box marked Howe & Co containing $\overset{\text{Dwts = grs}}{1203=24}$ for the value of all which we wish you to send us Coin by return Express if agreeable with the custom of the Mint. – if not you will Coin it observing to keep each package distinct as now marked and send the amt. by Express in due order of time

Respectfully Yours
D & R L Howe

R M Patterson Esq
Director of U S Mint
Philadelphia

John McElroy



To the United States mint at Philadelphia.

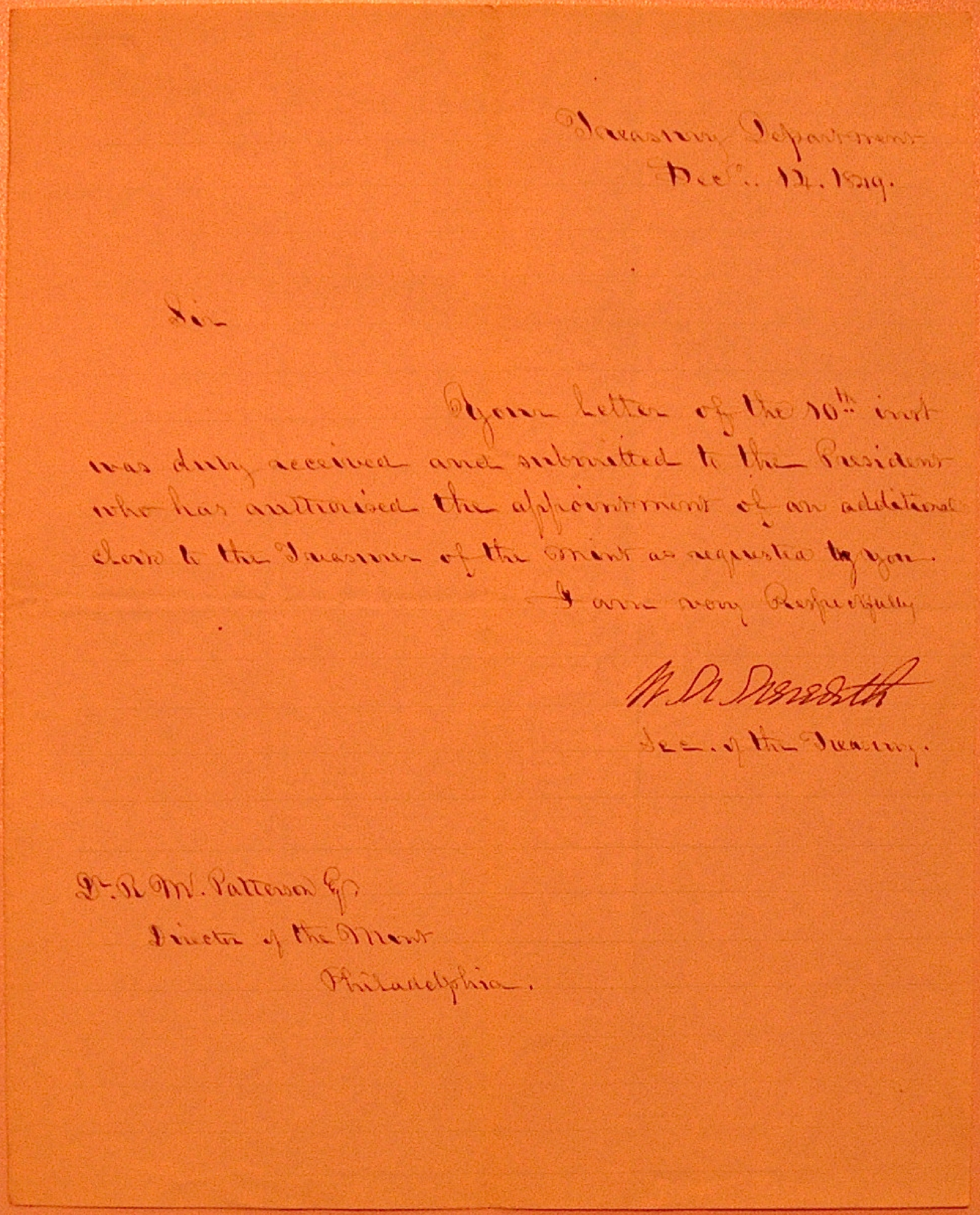
I send pr Harnden Express this day, one package of gold dust containing three parcels, one marked for Mrs Barber, one for Zephaniah Brown, & one for myself. Which I wish coined, or the amount returned to me in gold coin, these parcels being for different persons, I wish to receive the value of each separate & distinct from each other. Can you inform me when I may expect the returns—

Please send pr Harnden Express
directed to Col. Wm. H. Brown—
Providence.
R. I.

Providence Dec 14/49—

It will answer my purpose as well, if when the coin is sent me, ~~how much th~~ you will state the value of each package, that I may divide it accordingly.

Wm H Brown.



Treasury Department
Decr. 12. 1849.

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst was duly received and submitted to the President who has authorised the appointment of an additional clerk to the Treasurer of the Mint as requested by you.

I am very Respectfully

W. M. Meredith

Secy. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

New Haven Dec 14/49

Sir

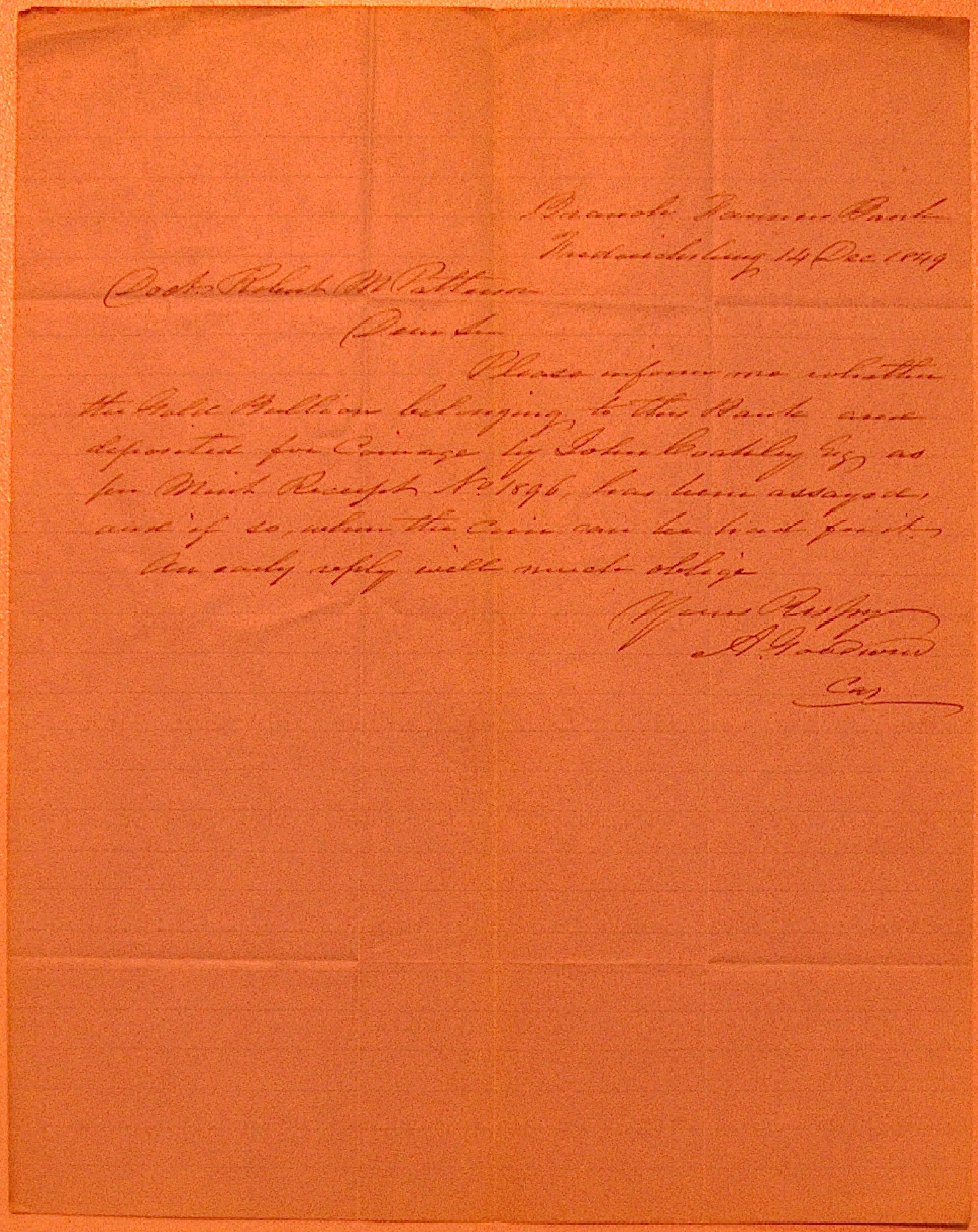
Within this you find a package of thirty six ounces Gold Dust sent for coinage Soon as convenient — When assayed please send me by mail ~~you would~~ the result, and when coined remit by Adams & Co's Express to this address

Henry L. Cannon
Fleet St.
New Haven
~~St~~ Ct.

Yours Respectfully
H. L. Cannon

PS Should like a part or the whole in double eagles although I am not particular in this respect

H. L. C.



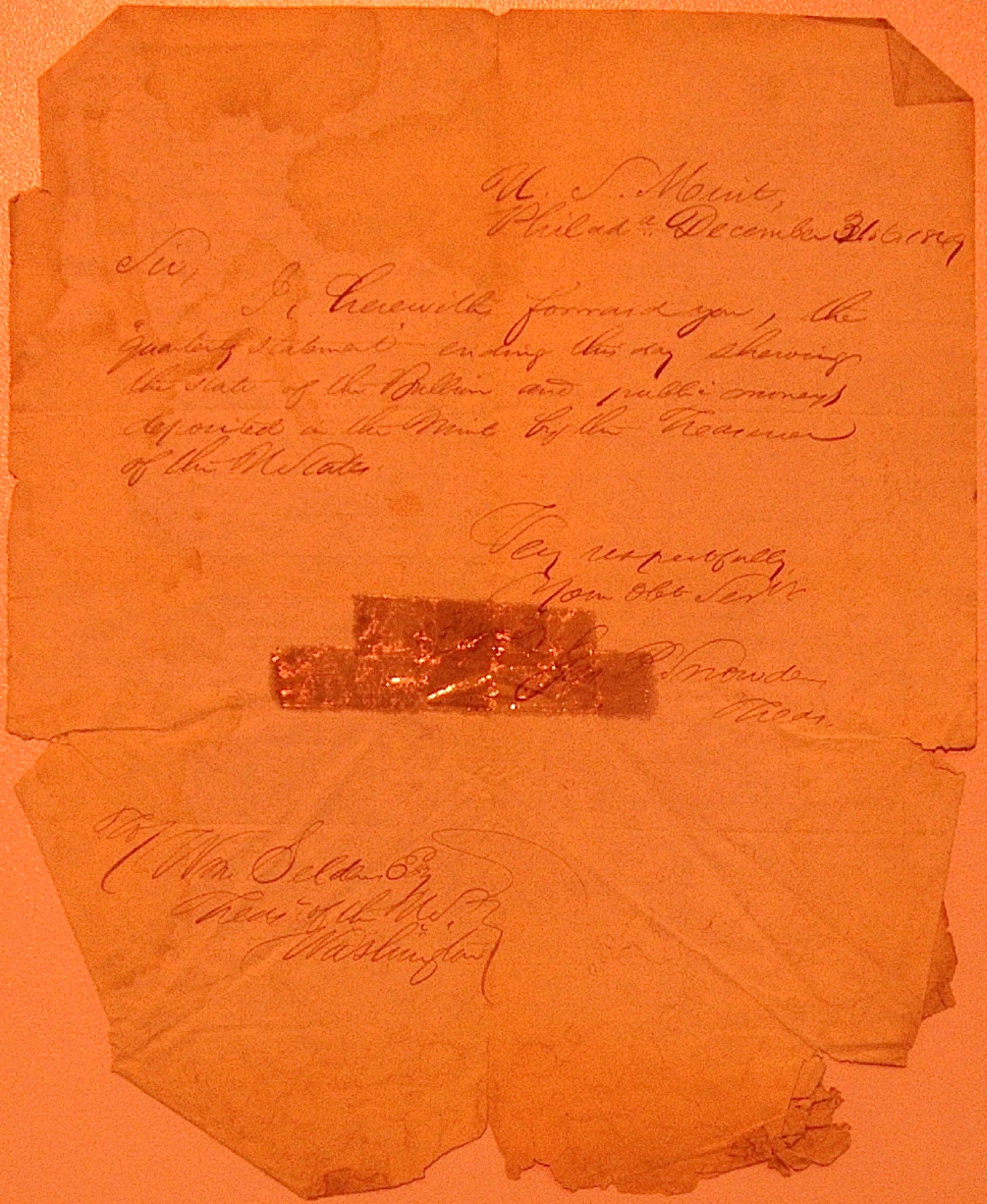
Branch Farmers Bank
Fredericksburg 14 Dec 1849

Doct. Robert M. Patterson

Dear Sir

Please inform me whether the Gold Bullion belonging to this Bank and deposited for Coinage by John Coakley Esq as per Mint Receipt No 1896, has been assayed, and if so, when the Coin can be had for it. An early reply will much oblige

Yours Respy
A. Goodwin
Cas



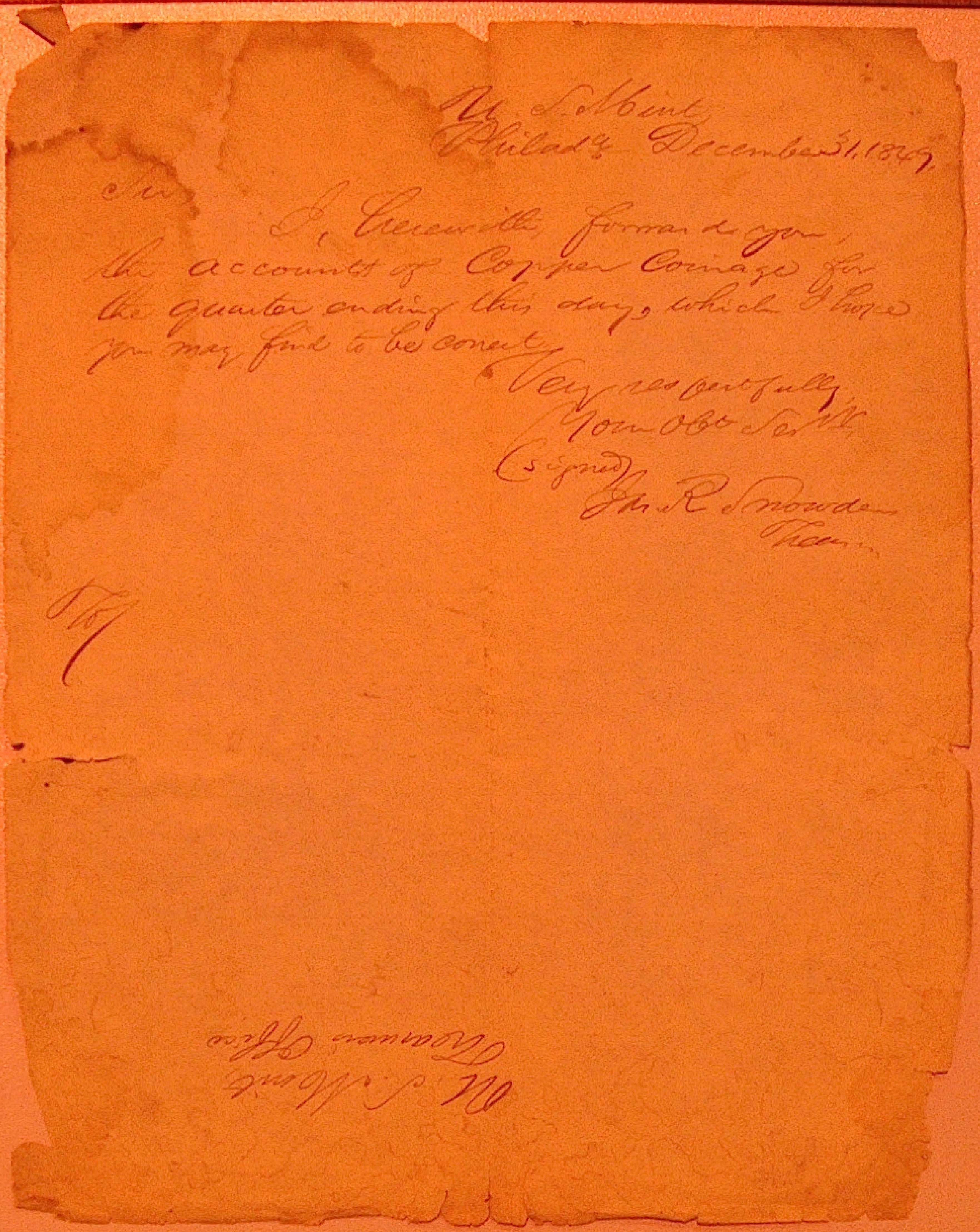
U. S. Mint,
Philada. December 31st 1849

Sir,

I herewith forward you, the quarterly statement ending this day shewing the state of the Bullion and public moneys deposited in the Mint by the Treasurer of the U States.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jas R Snowden
Treas.

To
Wm. Selden Esq
Treas of the U.S.
Washington



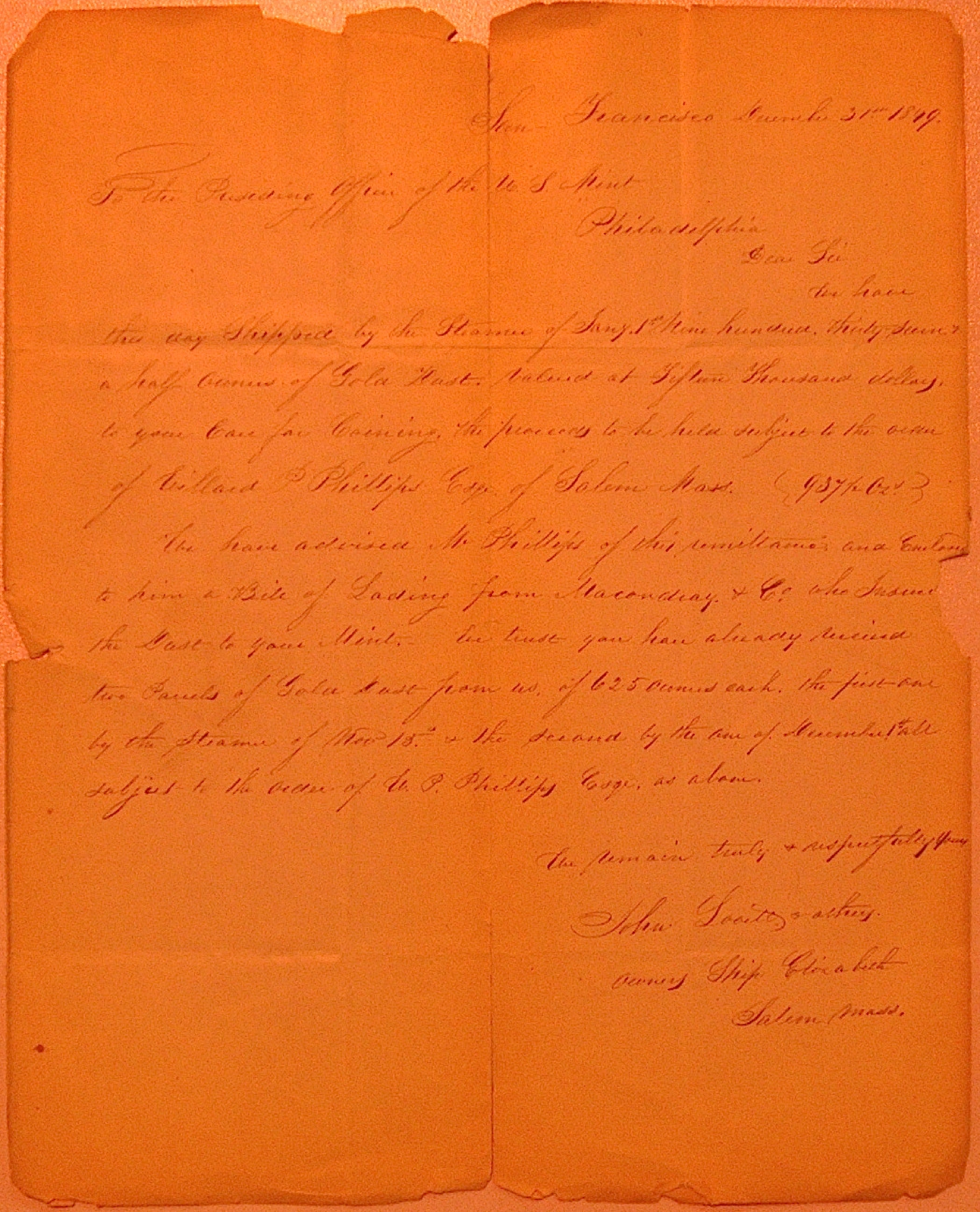
U. S. Mint
Philada. December 31, 1849

Sir,

I, herewith, forward you the accounts of Copper Coinage for the quarter ending this day, which I hope you may find to be correct.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
(signed) Jas. R. Snowden
Treasr.

U. S. Mint
Treasurer's Office



San Francisco December 31st 1849.

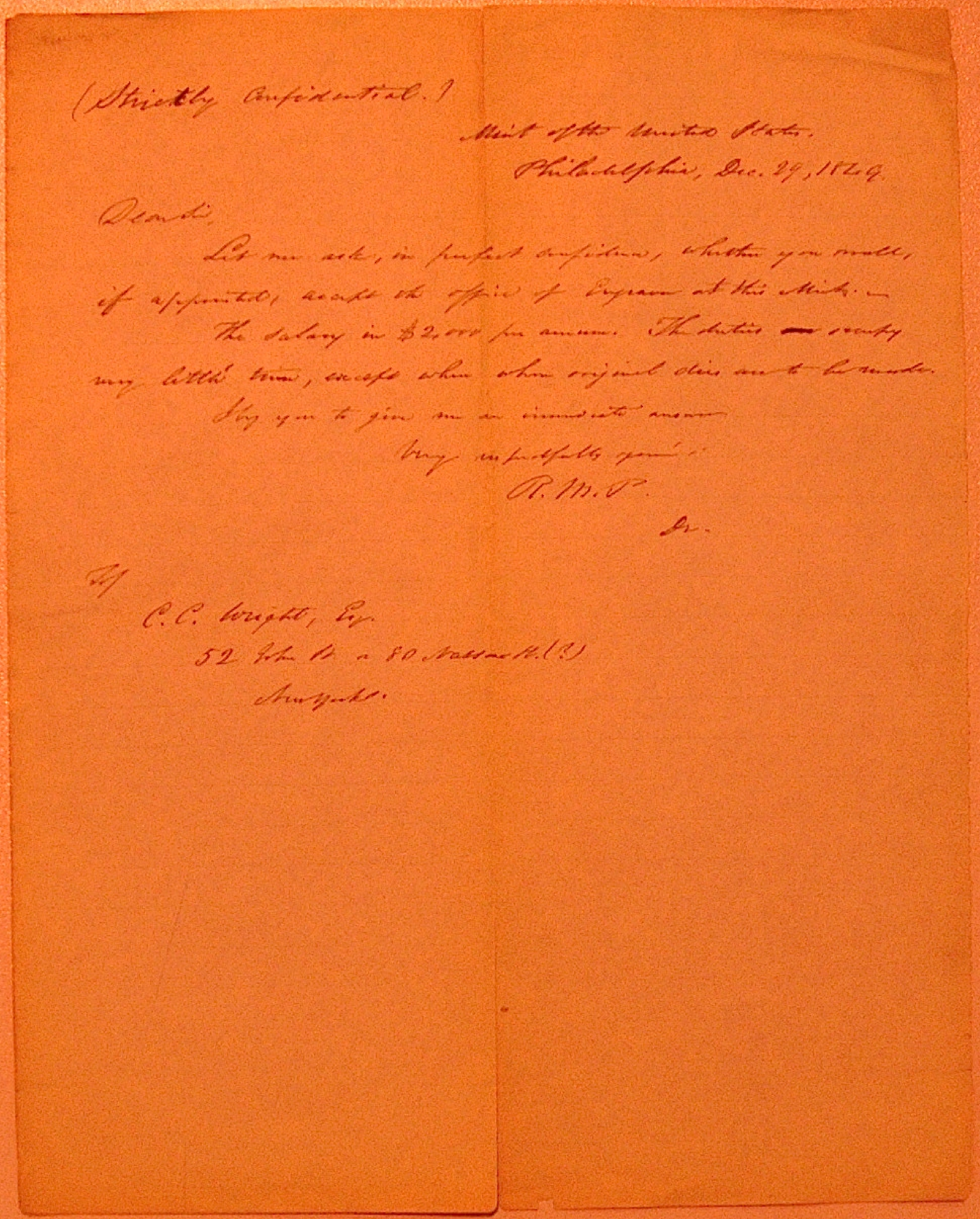
To the Presiding Officer of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir

We have this day Shipped by the Steamer of Jany 1st Nine hundred thirty seven & a half ounces of Gold Dust valued at Fifteen Thousand dollars, to your Care for Coining, the proceeds to be held subject to the order of Willard P. Phillips Esqr of Salem Mass. {937½ Ozs}

We have advised Mr Phillips of this remittance and Enclose to him a Bill of Lading from Macondray & Co who Insure the Dust to your Mint. We trust you have already received two Parcels of Gold dust from us, of 625 ounces each, the first one by the Steamer of Nov 15th & the second by the one of December 1st all subject to the order of W. P. Phillips Esqr. as above.

We remain truly & respectfully Yours

John Swift & others
Owners Ship Elizabeth
Salem Mass.



(Strictly Confidential.)

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 29, 1849.

Dear Sir,

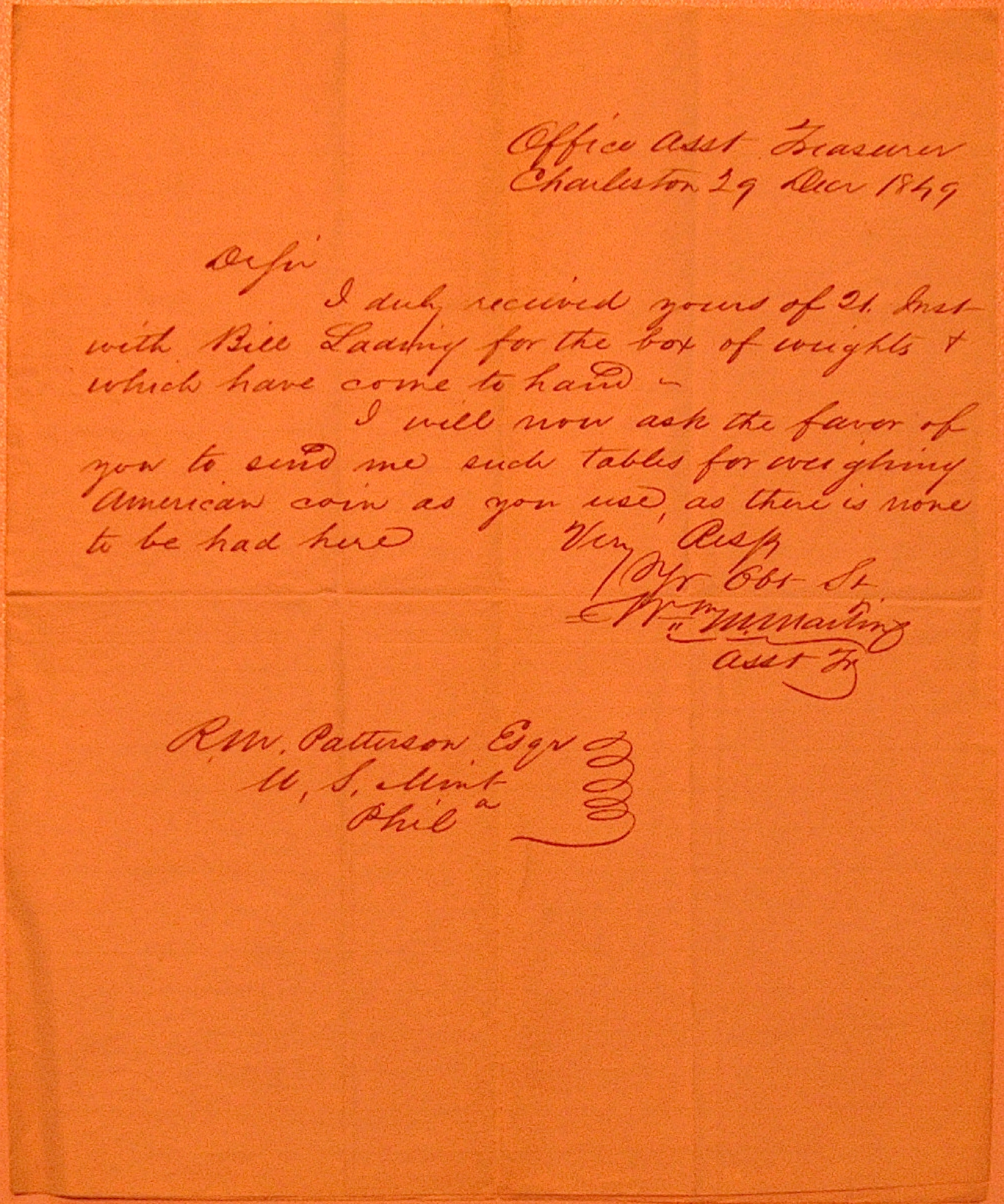
Let me ask, in perfect confidence, whether you would, if appointed, accept the office of Engraver at this Mint.—

The salary is $2,000 per annum. The duties occupy very little time, except when new original dies are to be made.

Beg you to give me an immediate answer.

Very respectfully yours,
R. M. P.
Dr.

To
C. C. Wright, Esq.
52 John St. or 80 Nassau St. (?)
New York.



Office Asst Treasurer
Charleston 29 Decr 1849

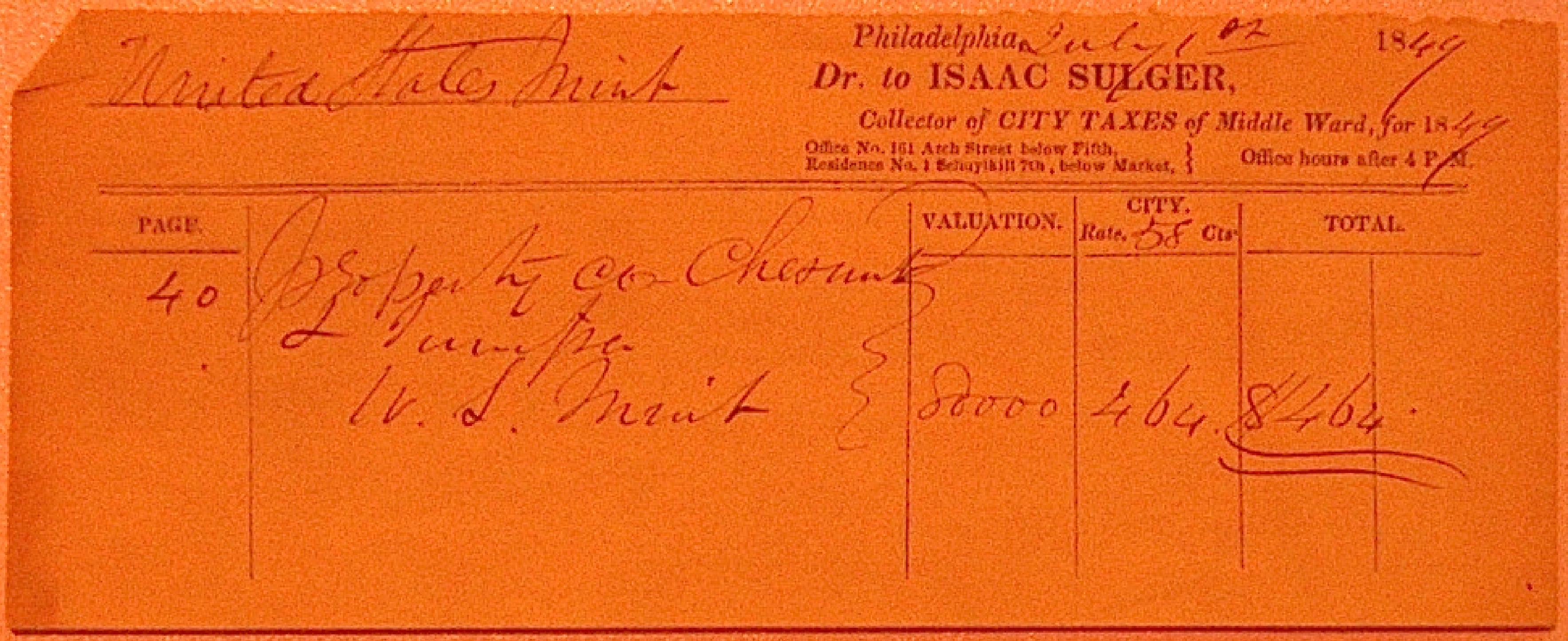
Dr Sir

I duly received yours of 21. Inst with Bill Lading for the box of weights & which have come to hand —

I will now ask the favor of you to send me such tables for weighing American coin as you use, as there is none to be had here

Very Respy
Yr Obt St
Wm M. Martin
Asst Tr

R. M. Patterson Esqr
U. S. Mint
Phila



United States Mint

Philadelphia July 1st 1849

Dr. to ISAAC SULGER,

Collector of CITY TAXES of Middle Ward, for 1849

Office No. 161 Arch Street below Fifth,
Residence No. 1 Schuylkill 7th, below Market,

Office hours after 4 P. M.

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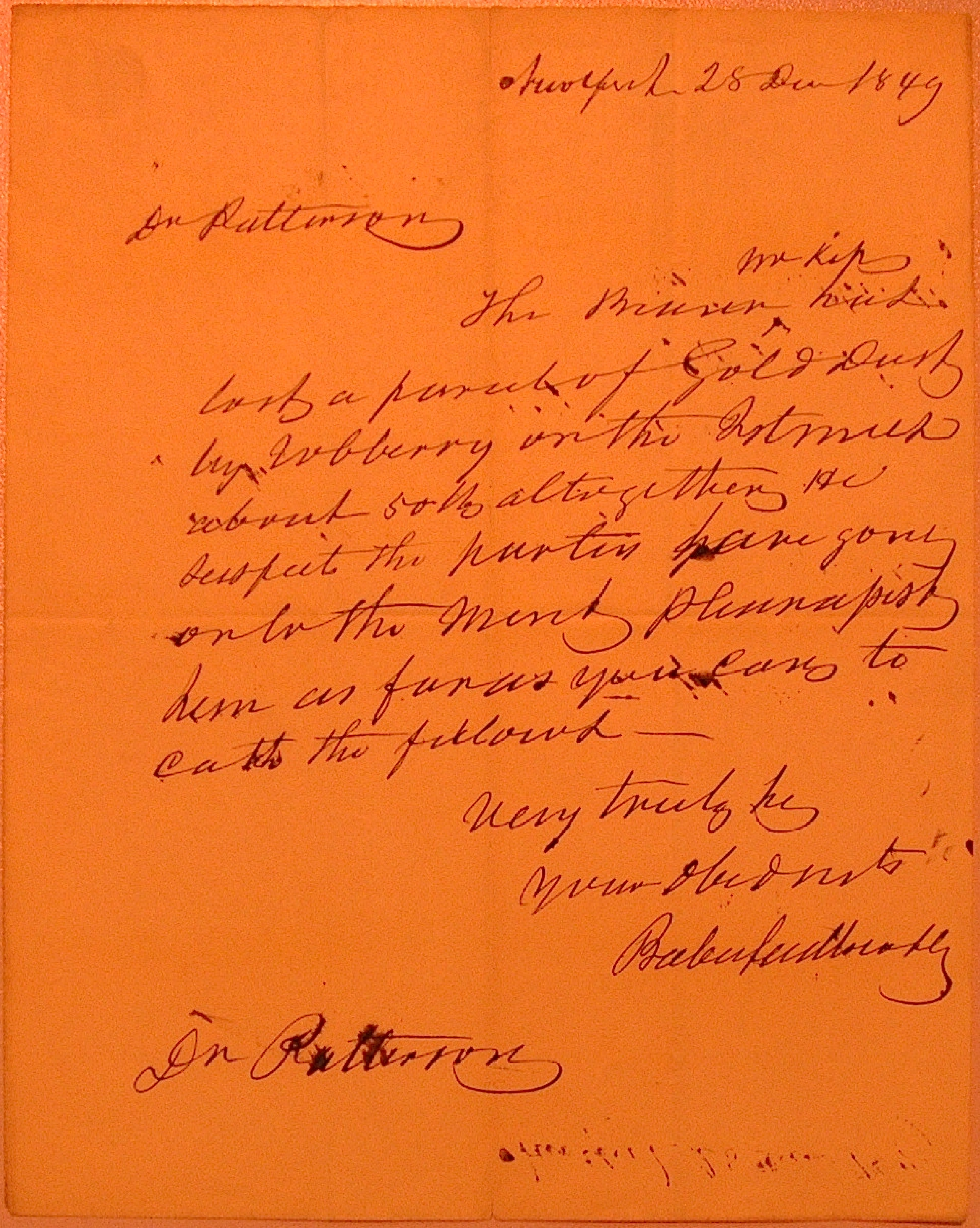
40	Property cor Chesnut & Juniper U. S. Mint	80000	464.	$464.



New York 28 Dec 1849

Dr Patterson

Mr Kip
The Bearer, has
lost a parcel of Gold Dust
by robbery on the Steamer
about 50 lb altogether. He
suspects the parties have gone
on to the Mint. Please assist
him as far as you can to
catch the fellows —

Very truly &c
Your obedt svt

Dr Patterson

North Providence Dec. 27. 1849

Superintendent U. S. A. Mint

Dear Sir I know not to whom a communication should be made nor do I know that it is necessary to write any thing respecting a box of Gold dust. sent to the Mint two weeks tomorrow. The directions are contained in the box, & the box contains about 136 oz dust a tin Box. If it has not been opened, please open & find directions. & oblige Yours Respectfully

Ira Barrows

The Box was sent by Harndens Express—
If the dies for striking off. 20 doll. pieces are done
I should like to have half of this denomination—

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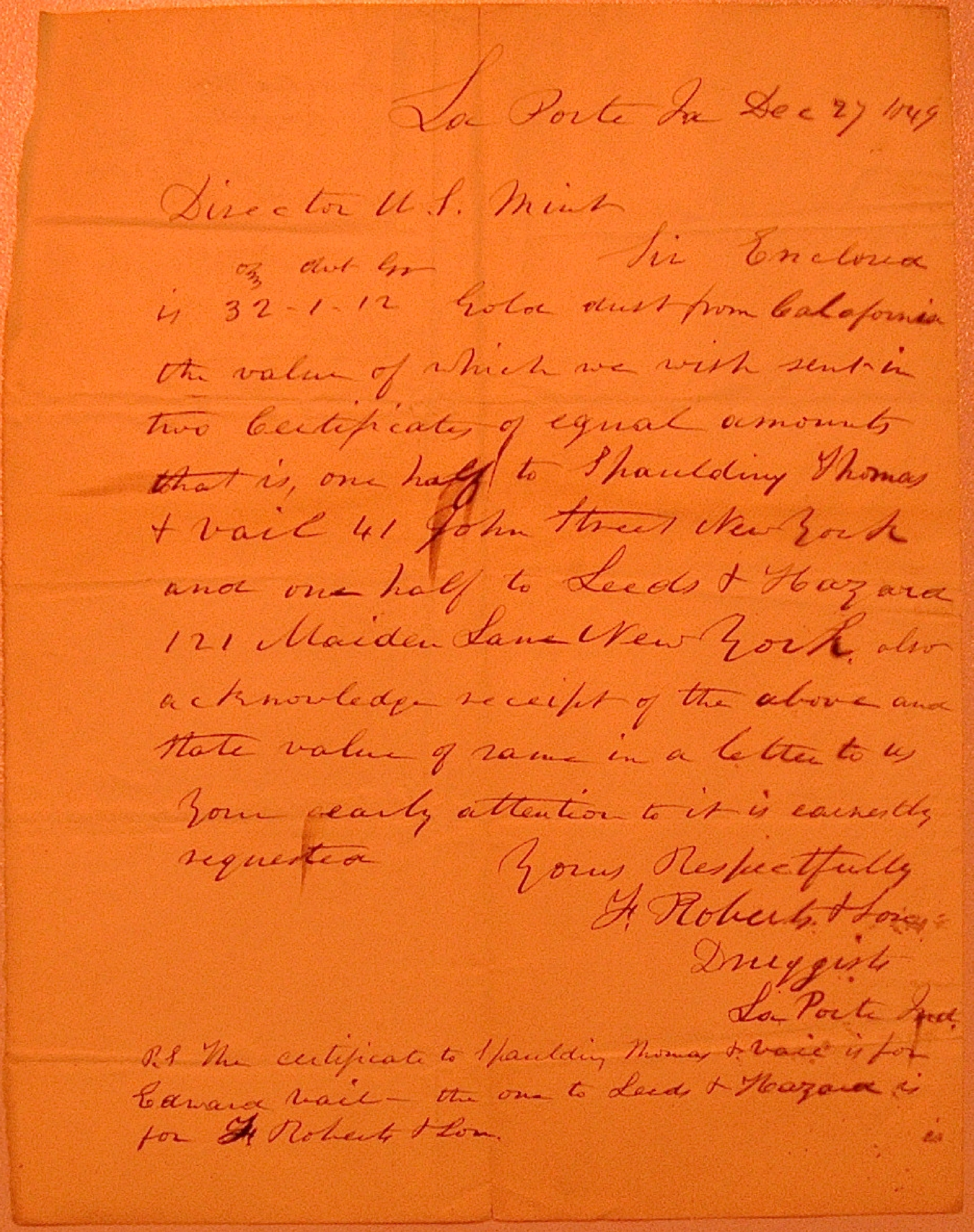


La Porte In Dec 27 1849

Director U.S. Mint

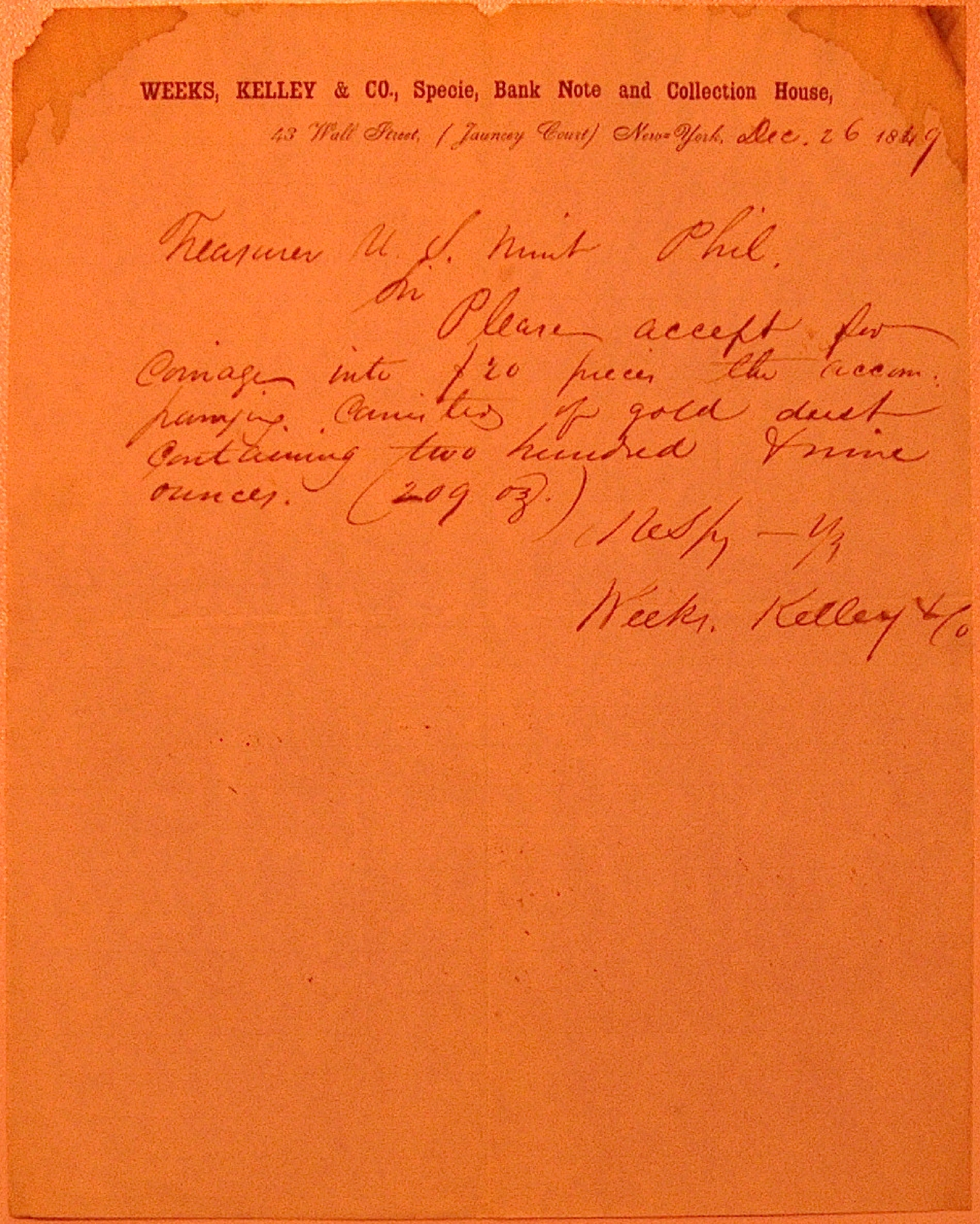
Sir Enclosed

oz dwt grs

is 32-1-12 Gold dust from California the value of which we wish sent in two Certificates of equal amounts that is, one half to Spaulding Thomas & Vail 41 John Street New York and one half to Leeds & Hazard 121 Maiden Lane New York. also acknowledge receipt of the above and state value of same in a letter to us Your early attention to it is earnestly requested

Yours Respectfully
F. Roberts & Son
Druggists
La Porte Ind.

P.S. The certificate to Spaulding Thomas & Vail is for Edward Vail — the one to Leeds & Hazard is for F. Roberts & Son



WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Dec. 26 1849

Treasurer U. S. Mint Phil.

Sir

Please accept for Coinage into $20 pieces the accompanying Canister of gold dust containing two hundred & nine ounces. (209 oz.)

Respy — Yrs

Weeks. Kelley & Co

New York Dec. 26. 1849.

Col. Wm H. Snowden,

Dr. Sir,

I send, herewith pr Adam's Co. Express Fifty five (55) oz Gold Dust, which please receive and return me the proceeds pr same express.

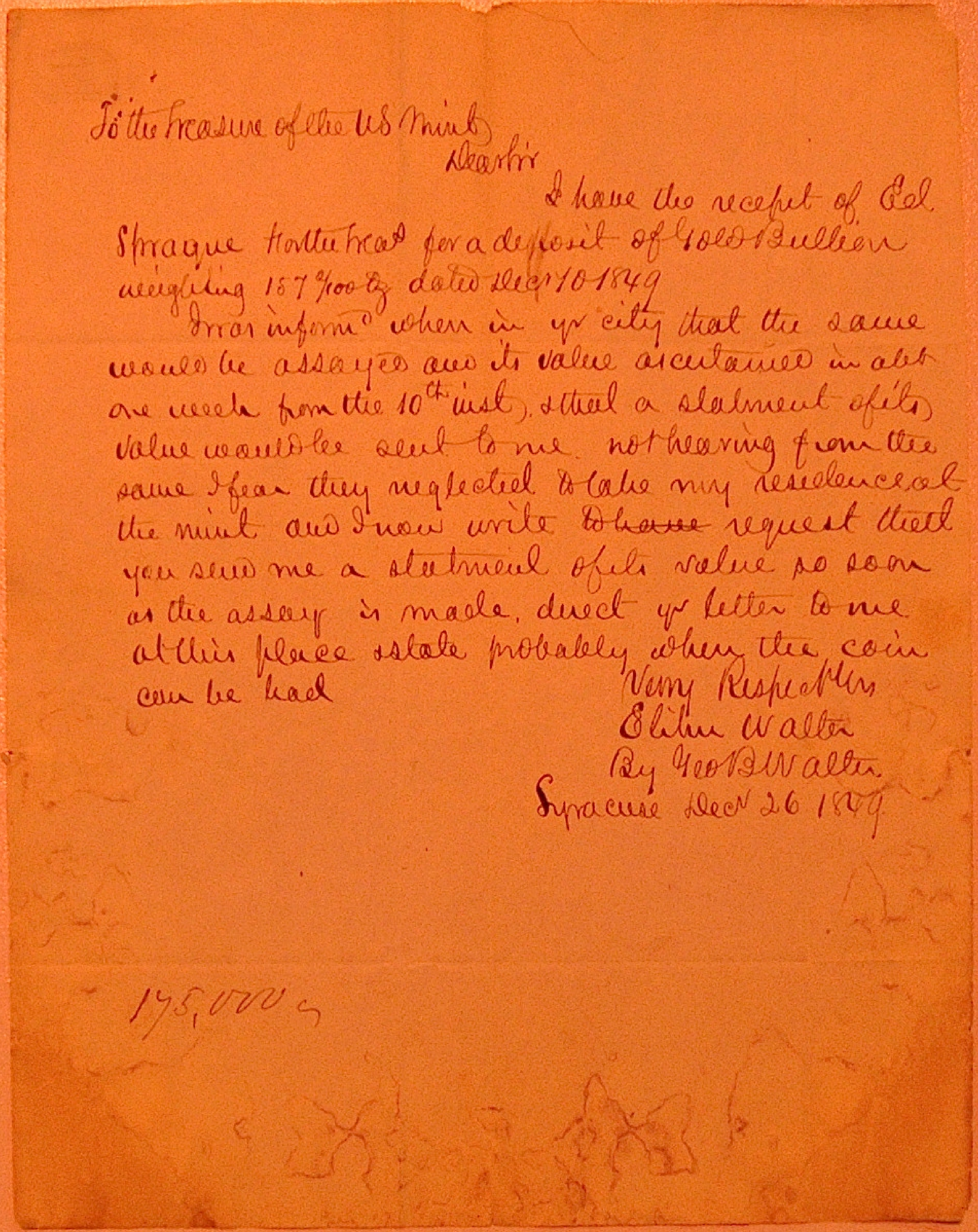
Oblige

Yours truly

M. E. Hazen

109 Wall St.

I send them in the original packages which I presume will make no difference.



To the Treasure of the US Mint
Dear Sir

I have the recept of Col. Sprague to the Treas^{r} for a deposit of Gold Bullion weighing $157\frac{7}{100}$ oz dated Dec^{r} 10 1849

I was inform^{d} when in y^{r} city that the same would be assayed and its value ascertained in ab^{t} one week from the 10th inst, & that a statment of its value would be sent to me. not hearing from the same I fear they neglected to take my residence at the mint and I now write ~~to have~~ request that you send me a statment of its value so soon as the assay is made, direct y^{r} letter to me at this place & state probably when the coin can be had

Very Respectfully
Elihu Walter
By Geo B Walter
Syracuse Dec^{r} 26 1849

175,000

Albany Dec. 25 1849

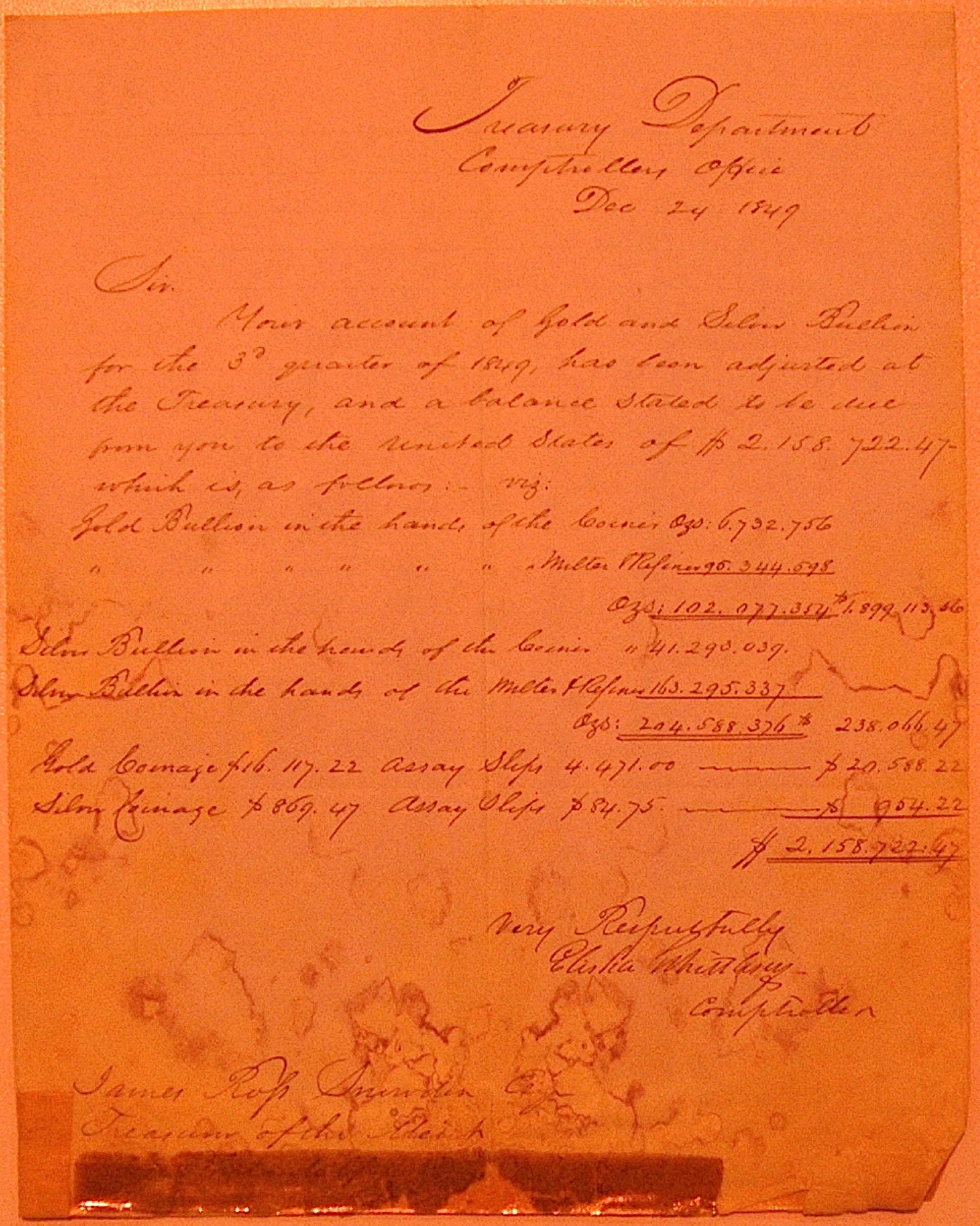
Sir

I forwarded by Messrs Wells & Co's Express twenty-nine ounces (Troy) of California Gold to be Coined – which I presume has been safely delivered. You will therefore oblige me, if the Coin cannot be sent as soon to forward me Certificate of deposite and

Oblige Yours

Respectfully
V. B. Lockrow

To R. Patterson Esq



Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
Dec 24 1849

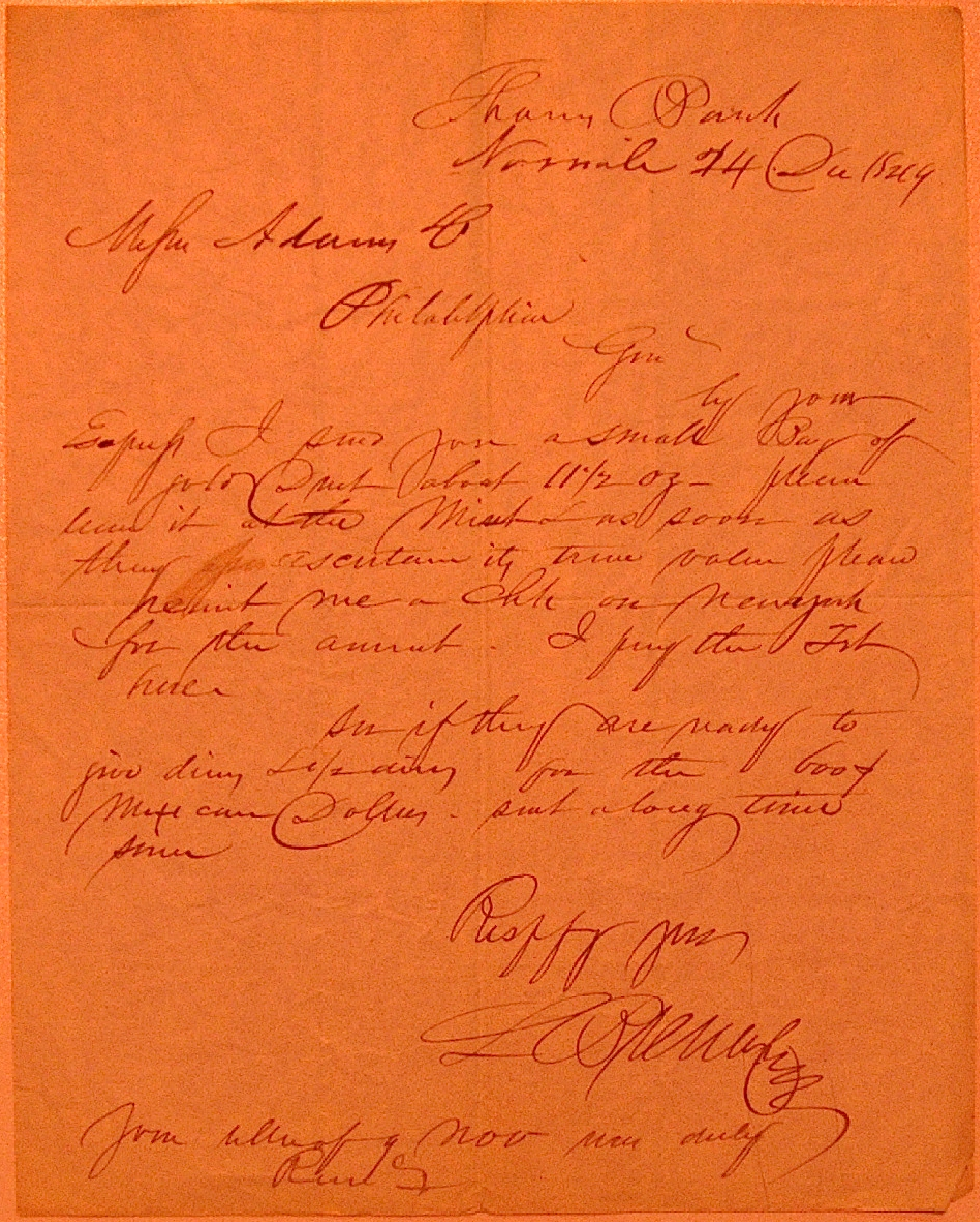
Sir.

Your account of Gold and Silver Bullion for the 3d quarter of 1849, has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance stated to be due from you to the United States of $2.158.722.47 which is, as follows:– viz:

Gold Bullion in the hands of the Coiner Ozs: 6.732.756
" " " " " " Melter & Refiner 95.344.598
Ozs: 102.077.354 $1.899.113.56
Silver Bullion in the hands of the Coiner " 41.293.039
Silver Bullion in the hands of the Melter & Refiner 163.295.337
Ozs: 204.588.376 $ 238.066.47
Gold Coinage $16.117.22 Assay Slips 4.471.00 ——— $20.588.22
Silver Coinage $869.47 Assay Slips $84.75 ——— $ 954.22
$ 2.158.722.47

Very Respectfully
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint



Thames Park
Norwalk 24 Dec 1869

Messrs Adams & Co

Philadelphia

Gent

by your Express I send you a small Bag of gold Dust about 11½ oz — please send it to the Mint as soon as they can ascertain its true value please remit me a Chk on New York for the amount. I pay the Frt here.

See if they are ready to give dimes [illegible] for the 600 Mexican Dollars sent a long time since

Respy yours

Your letter of 9 Nov was duly Recd

Brunswick, Dec. 23, 1849.

My dear Sir,

Your letter of the 20th inst. reached me this morning. Its contents had been anticipated, however, by your telegraphic dispatch, which I received on the evening of the 20th.

I am deeply sensible of your kindness in tendering to me this appointment, and I would gladly make any sacrifice of interest or convenience to gratify your desire, for my attendance at the Mint by Jan. 1. I am using every exertion to bring my affairs to a close; and you may rest assured that I shall be at my new post at the earliest possible day, consistently with my duty to the Company by whom I have been employed, and a proper regard to my own reputation. — To shorten as much as possible this delay, I have written my brother, asking him if possible to come & help me in winding up my affairs.

Very respectfully,
& truly yours,
Geo. F. Dunning

Dr. R. M. Patterson

It occurs to me to say that, if my brother sh^d. not be able to come to my help, he would willingly render you any assistance at the mint in my stead. If you sh^d. deem it proper by any transfer of duties thus to avail yourself of his help until my arrival, I will suggest it to him. I have had no communication with him on the subject.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

22 Decr 1849.

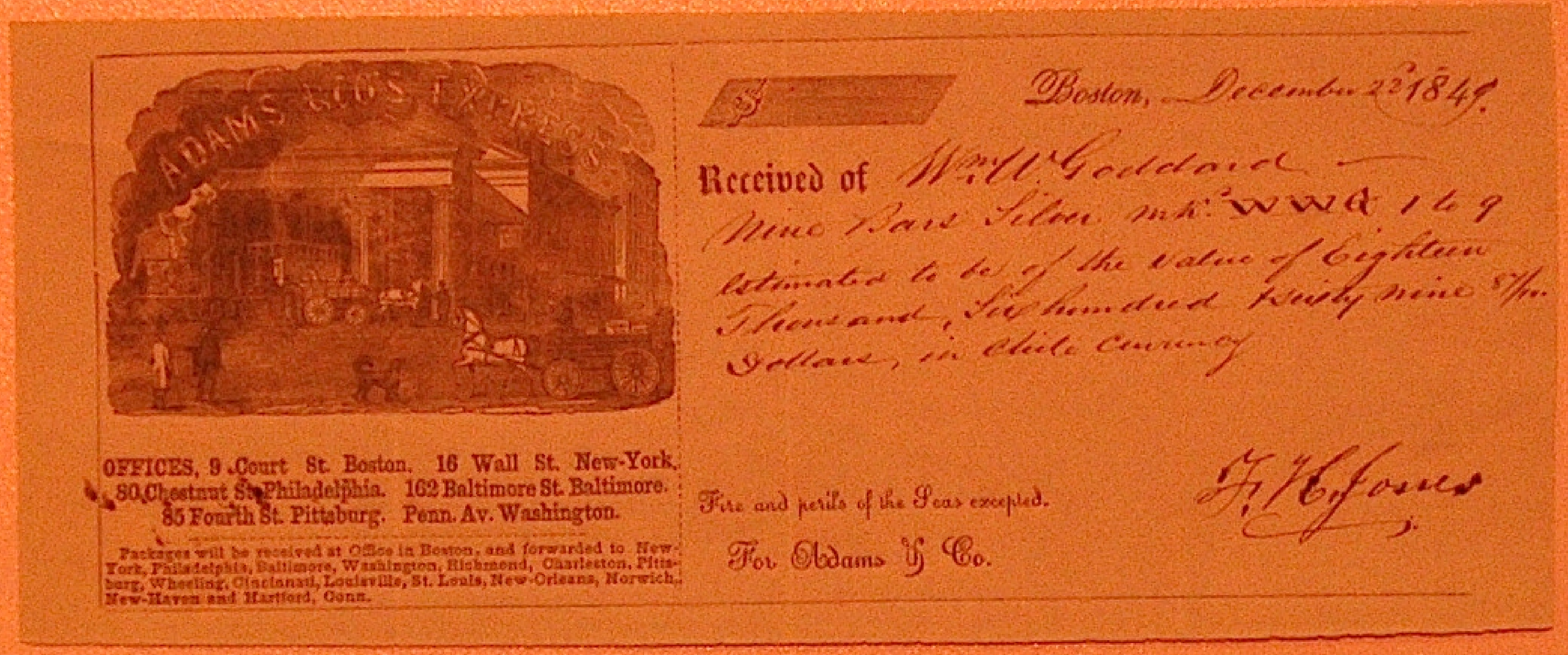
Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
WILLIAM SELDEN,
Treasurer of the United States.

James Roſs Snowden Esqr

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.



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Boston, December 2d 1849.

Received of Wm. W. Goddard

Nine Bars Silver mk. WWG 1 a 9

estimated to be of the value of Eighteen Thousand, Six hundred Sixty nine 8/00 Dollars, in Chile Currency

Fire and perils of the Seas excepted.

For Adams & Co.

F. H. Jones

Boston, December 22d. 1849.

Director of U States Mint
at Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find Adams & Co. recpt. for 9 bars Silver to be del.d you for Coinage proceeds of which subject to my order. Will you please send me recpt. for same as also Certificate of Value so soon as ascertained & you will oblige me by advising the earliest day on which I can draw for the nett proceeds.

Respy Yr. Obdt Servt.
Wm W. Goddard

Memo. of Inve.

				Marks	Fine	Difference
W.W.G	1	1 Bar	Silver	176.47	986/1000	2.47
	2	1 "	"	171.47	984	2.47
	3	1 "	"	177.69	988	2.13
	4	1 "	"	249.56	990	2.49
	5	1 "	"	233.64	983	7.61
	6	1 "	"	214.33		
	7	1 "	"	242.39	975	6.06
	8	1 "	"	219.39	971	6.36
	9	1 "	"	242.08	973	6.54
				1927.02		
			Difference	36.40		
				1890.62	@ $ 97/8	$18.669.7

Mint U.S.
Phil. Dec. 21, 1849.

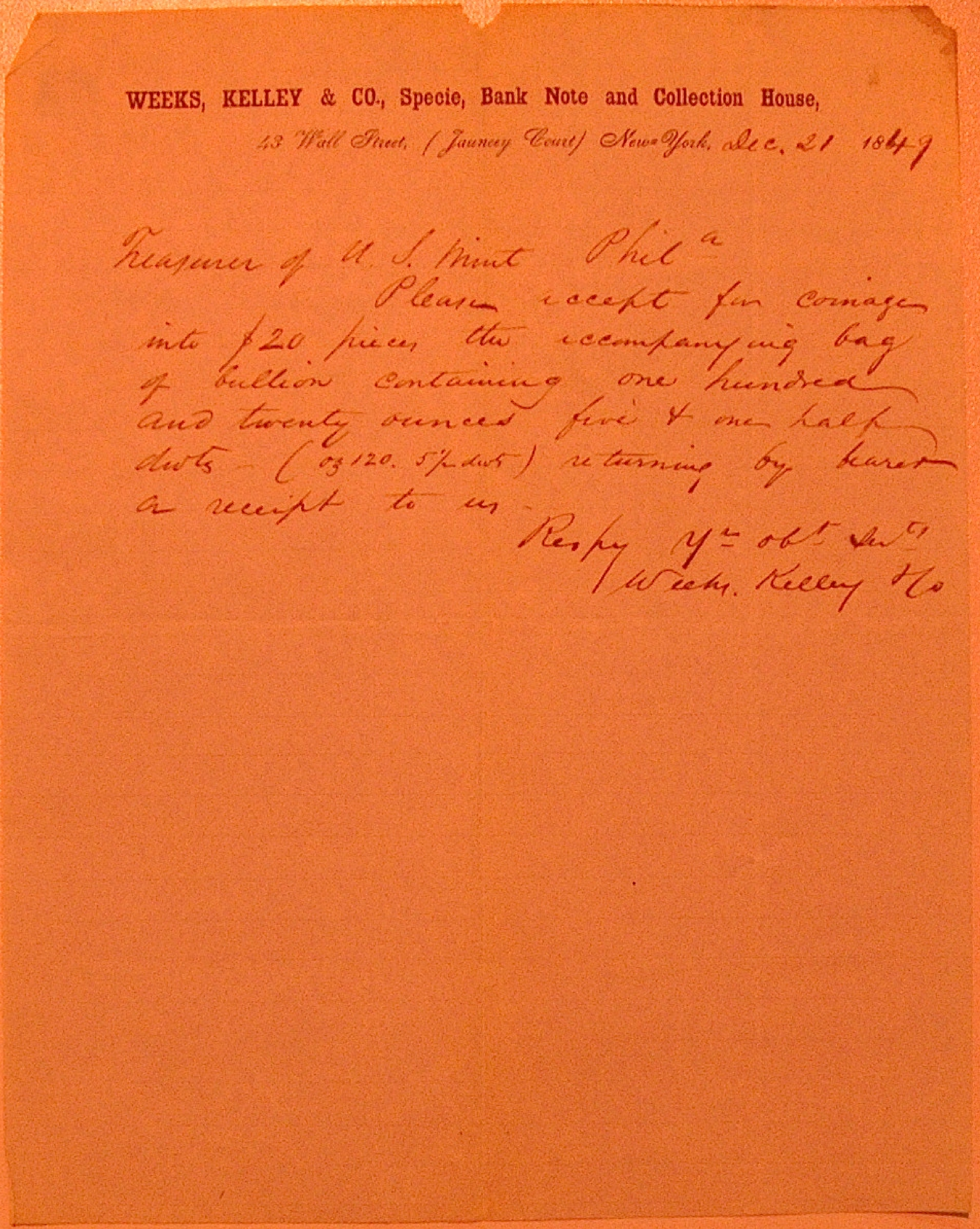
Dear Sir,

I wrote to you yesterday, both by Mail and telegraph, and this morning I have received your letter of the 18th, in which you alarm me as to the time of your coming ~~hither~~ to the Mint. Our Clerks are suffering under an excess of labor, and they must be relieved. ~~Both Ew the Director's Clerk, who has~~ working ~~charge of the Warrants~~, has to work from 8 to 3 o'c, ~~then from 5 to 6,~~ ~~and the after the office till late at night, and he is breaking down.~~ Let me then renew my anxious request that you present yourself here by the 1st of January, if it be at all possible. I beg your ~~early~~ explicit answer, ~~by return of mail~~.

R.M.P.

Mr. Geo. F. Dunning.

P.S. It has been suggested to me that, if your delay be imperative, the clerks might be relieved by aid from your brother Robert. I have been to see him, since this was proposed, but I did not find him. There is one difficulty in the way, and that is that he probably cannot receive payment for his services, ~~without having been se~~

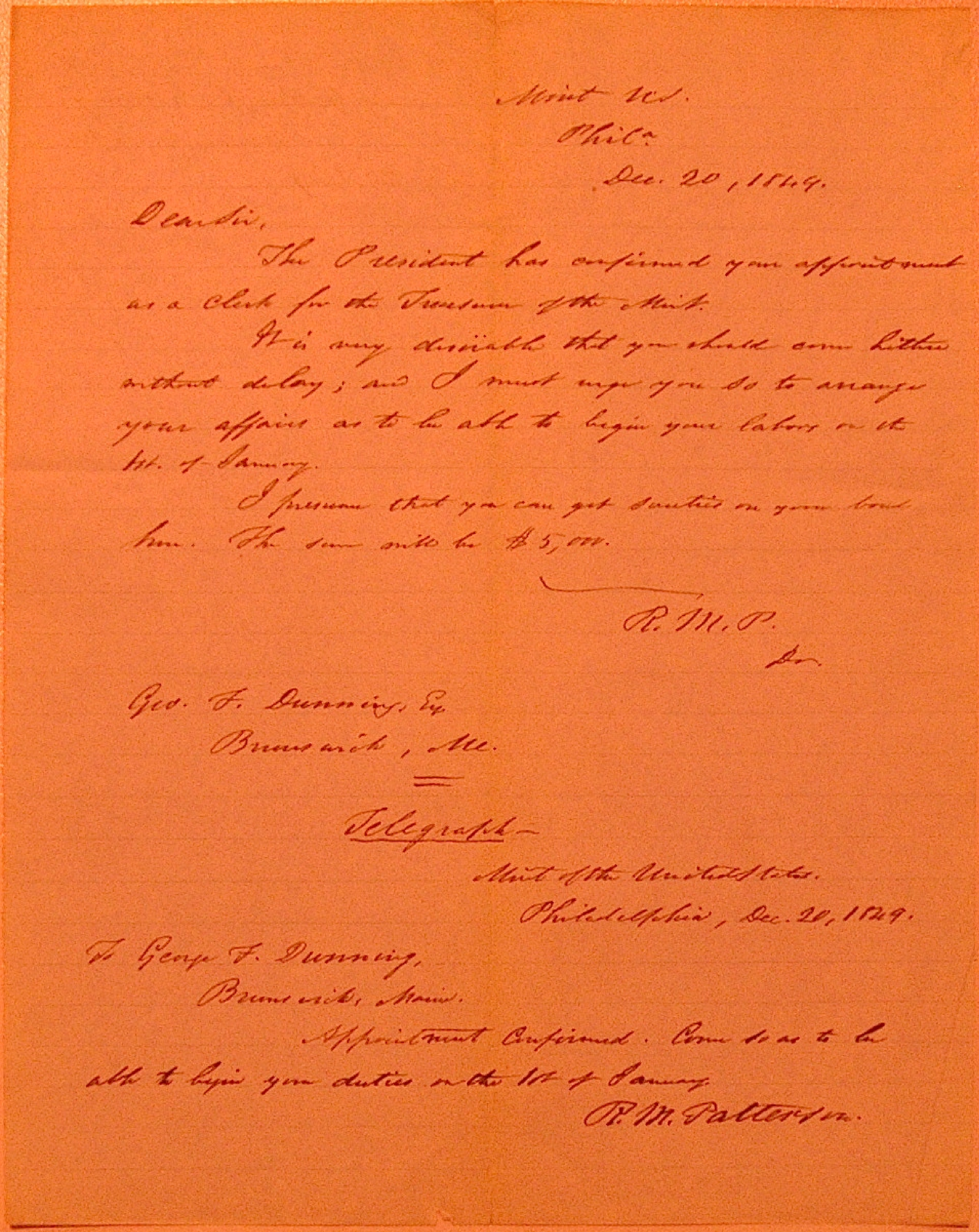


WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,
43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Dec. 21 1849

Treasurer of U. S. Mint Phila

Please accept for coinage into $20 pieces the accompanying bag of bullion containing one hundred and twenty ounces five & one half dwts – (oz 120. 5½ dwts) returning by bearer a receipt to us.

Respy Yrs obt Servts
Weeks, Kelley & Co



Mint U.S.
Phil^a.
Dec. 20, 1849.

Dear Sir,

The President has confirmed your appointment as a Clerk for the Treasurer of the Mint.

It is very desirable that you should come hither without delay; and I must urge you so to arrange your affairs as to be able to begin your labors on the 1st. of January.

I presume that you can get sureties on your bond here. The sum will be $5,000.

R. M. P.
Dr.

Geo. F. Dunning, Esq.
Brunswick, Me.

Telegraph —

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 20, 1849.

To George F. Dunning,
Brunswick, Maine.

Appointment Confirmed. Come so as to be able to begin your duties on the 1st of January.

R. M. Patterson.

Mint U.S. Dec. 20, 1849.

Sir,

I send enclosed the bill receipt of Mess. Meyers & Co, for a set of weights made by them, by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, for the Assistant Treasury at Charleston S.C.

R.M.P.

S. M. McKean, Esq.
Agent of Treasy Department.

Agent of the Treasy Depomt Philadelphia, Dec 12 1849

M ~~U. S. Mint at Philadelphia~~

Bought of **F. MEYERS & CO.**

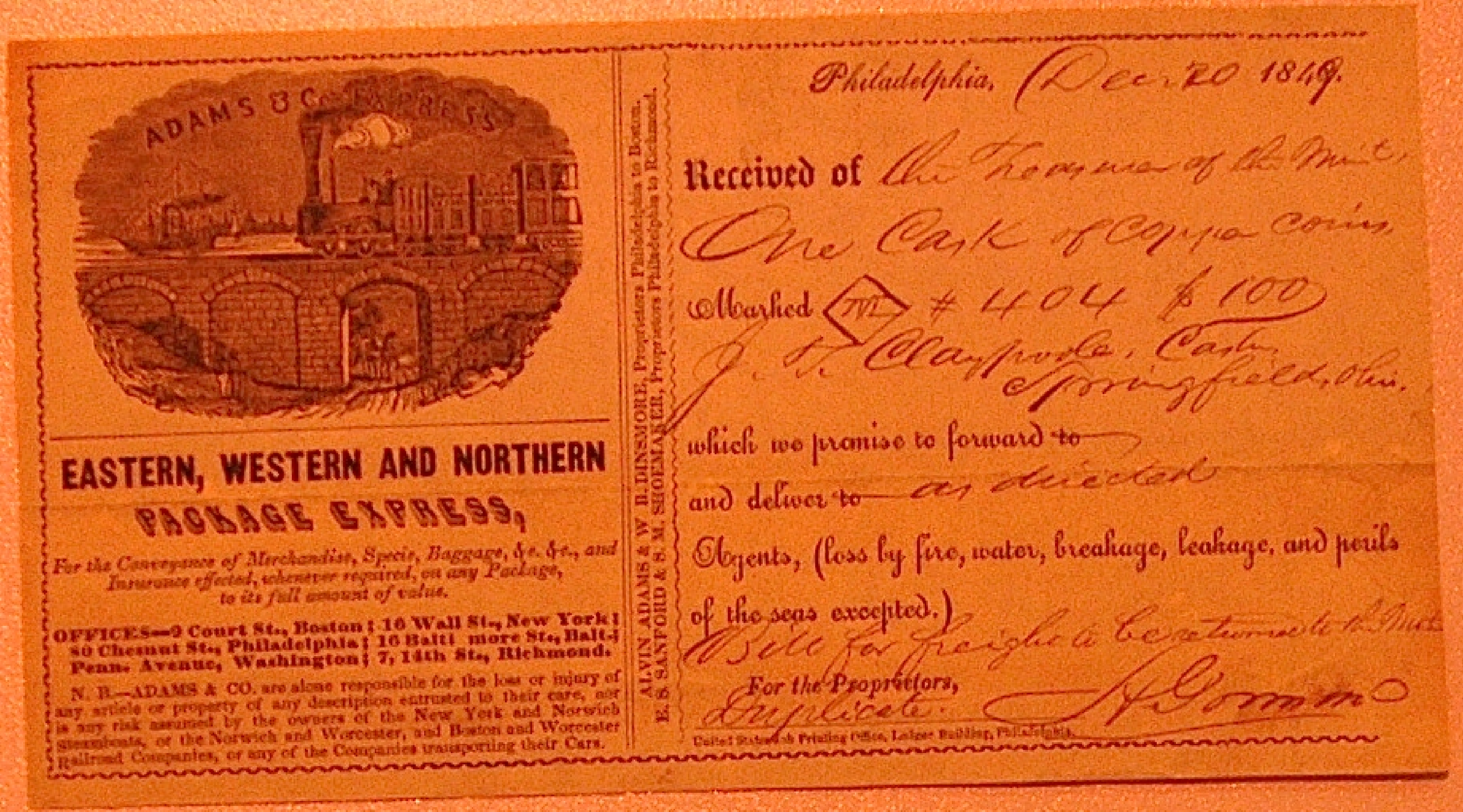
MANUFACTURERS OF SCALES AND WEIGHTS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,
No. 196 Market Street, two doors below Sixth, South Side.

for one set of Troy Weights	$40.00
do one Box with lining	6.00
	46.00

(Duplicate

Philad. Dec 20 /49. Recd payt in full

F. Meyers & Co



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Philadelphia, Dec. 20 1849.

Received of the Treasurer of the Mint,
One Cask of Copper coins,
Marked TM # 404 $ 100
J. H. Claypoole, Cashr
Springfield, Ohio.

which we promise to forward to
and deliver to as directed
Agents, (loss by fire, water, breakage, leakage, and perils of the seas excepted.)
Bill for freight to be returned to the Mint

For the Proprietors,
Duplicate. H Gorman

United States Printing Office, Ledger Building, Philadelphia.

Treasury Department
Dec^r. 19. 1849.

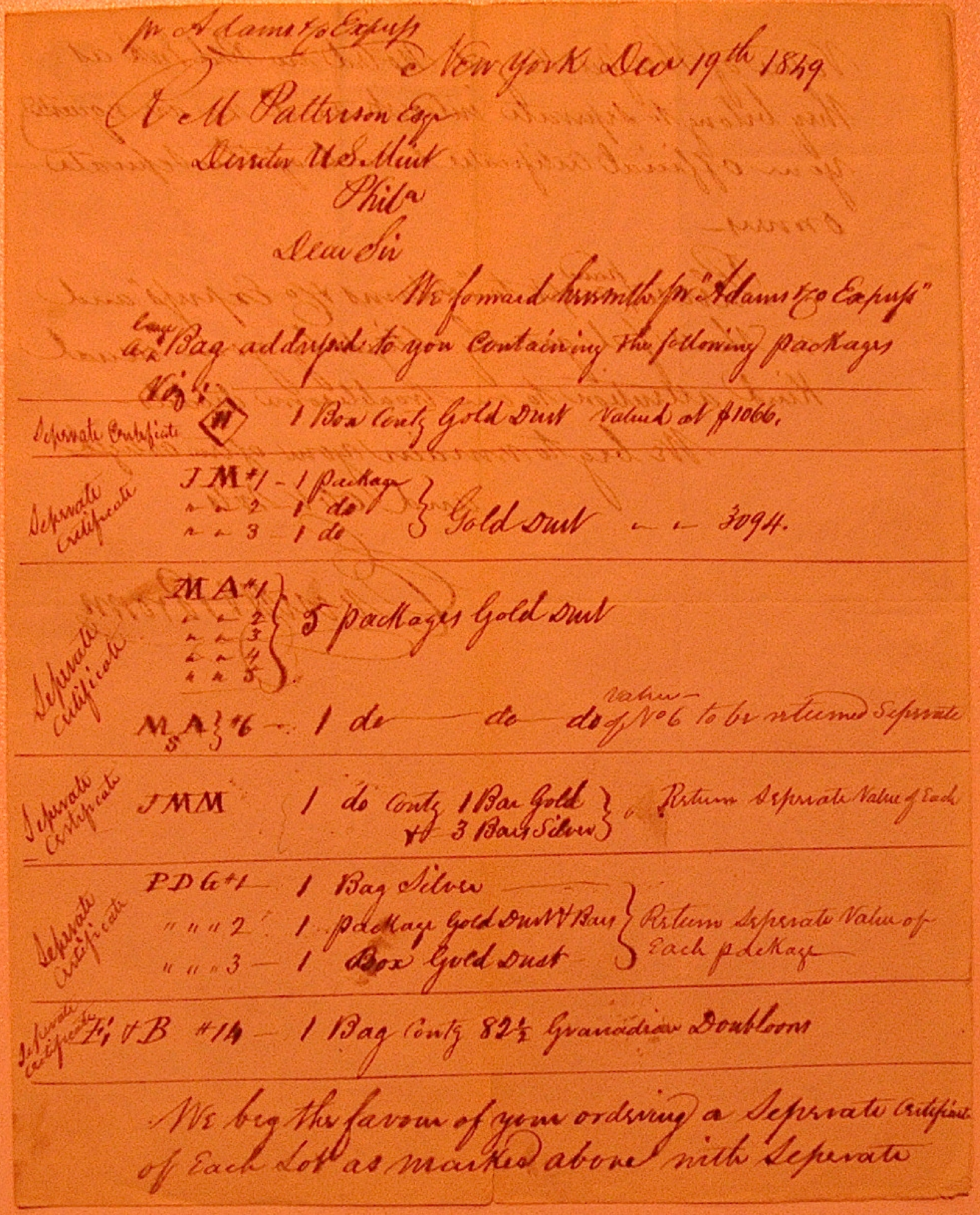
Sir

Your letter nominating George F. Dunning as a Clerk to the Treasurer of the Mint was duly received and submitted to the President who has confirmed your nomination.

I am very Resp^y.

W. M. Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury.

D^r. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.



pr Adams & Co Express

New York Dec 19th 1849

R M Patterson Esqr
Director U S Mint
Phila

Dear Sir

We forward herewith pr "Adams & Co Express" a Canv Bag addressed to you Containing the following packages Viz:

Seperate Certificate — H — 1 Box Contg Gold Dust Valued at $1066.

Seperate Certificate — JM #1 – 1 package / " " 2 1 do / " " 3 – 1 do } Gold Dust – – 3094.

Seperate Certificate — MA #1 / " " 2 / " " 3 / " " 4 / " " 5 } 5 packages Gold Dust

M A S } #6 – 1 do do do value of No 6 to be returned Seperate

Seperate Certificate — JMM { 1 do Contg 1 Bar Gold & 3 Bars Silver } Return Seperate Value of Each

Seperate Certificate — PDG #1 – 1 Bag Silver / " " " 2 1 package Gold Dust & Bars / " " " 3 – 1 Box Gold Dust } Return Seperate Value of Each package

Seperate Certificate — F & B #14 – 1 Bag Contg 82½ Granadian Doubloons

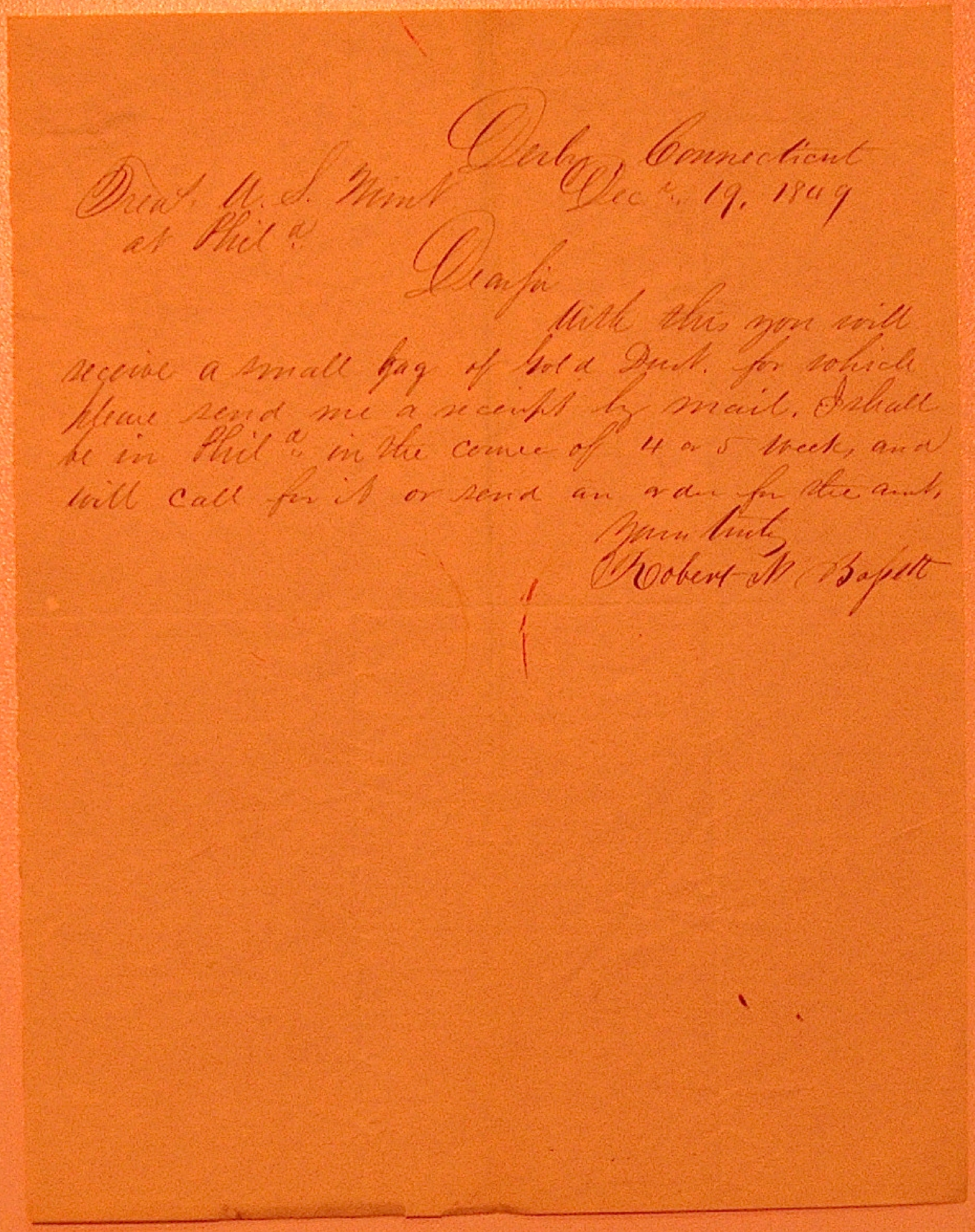
We beg the favour of your ordering a Seperate Certificate of Each Lot as marked above with Seperate

Value of the packages Noted in Red Ink as they belong to separate interests and we are requesting your official certificates to each of the separate owners—

Please pass receipt to "Adams & Co Express" and we shall feel greatly obliged by your usual kind attention to our troublesome details—

We beg to remain your often obliged
and Obt Svts

Everett & Brown



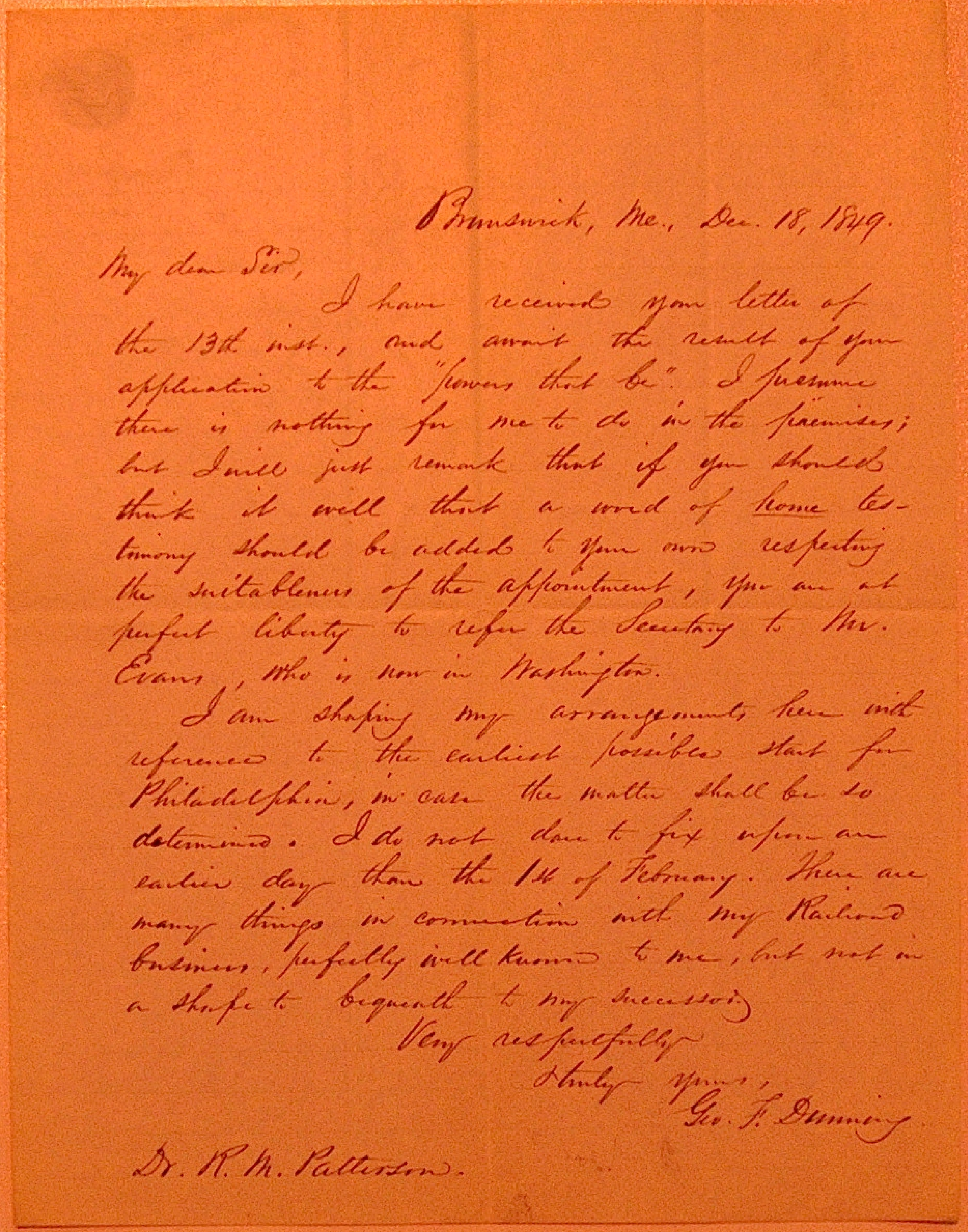
Derby Connecticut
Decr. 19. 1849

Direct. U. S. Mint
at Phila.

Dear Sir

With this you will receive a small bag of Gold Dust. for which please send me a receipt by mail. I shall be in Phila. in the course of 4 or 5 weeks, and will call for it or send an order for the amt.

Yours truly
Robert M. Bassett



Brunswick, Me., Dec. 18, 1849.

My dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 13th inst., and await the result of your application to the "powers that be". I presume there is nothing for me to do in the premises; but I will just remark that if you should think it well that a word of home testimony should be added to your own respecting the suitableness of the appointment, you are at perfect liberty to refer the Secretary to Mr. Evans, who is now in Washington.

I am shaping my arrangements here with reference to the earliest possible start for Philadelphia, in case the matter shall be so determined. I do not dare to fix upon an earlier day than the 1st of February. There are many things in connection with my Railroad business, perfectly well known to me, but not in a shape to bequeath to my successor.

Very respectfully

Truly yours,

Geo. F. Dunning.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.

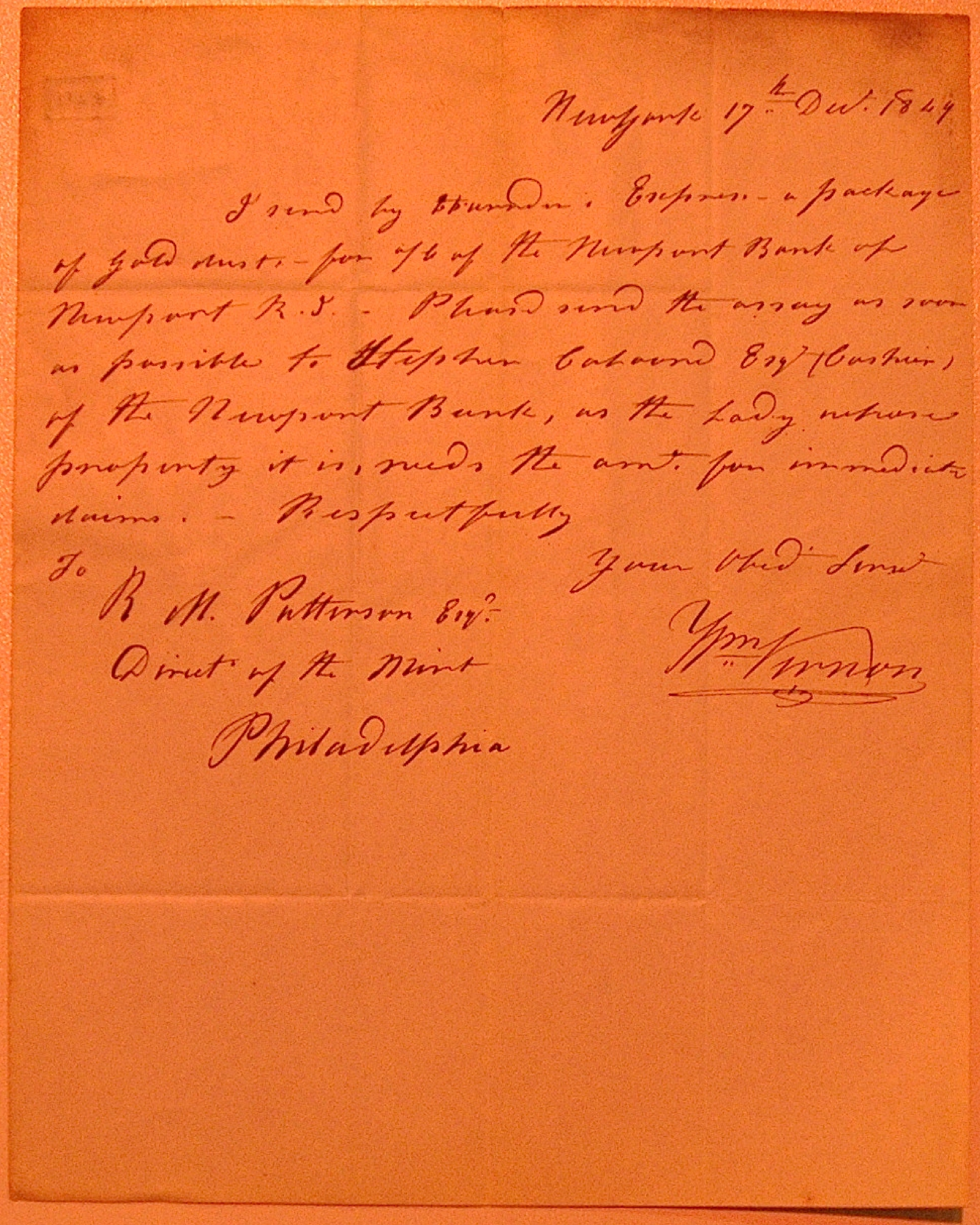
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Dr Sir

Will you do me the favor to have the enclosed Bill of F. Meyers & Co. accepted and returned to me under cover to the Secretary. I will try not to overlook the check this time.

I am very respectfully
S. M. McKean
Decr. 18. 1849.

Dr. R. M. Patterson



Newport 17th Dec. 1849

I send by Harnden's Express – a package of Gold dust – for a/c of the Newport Bank of Newport R.I. – Please send the assay as soon as possible to Stephen Cahoone Esq. Cashier, of the Newport Bank, as the Lady whose property it is, needs the amt. for immediate claims. – Respectfully

Your Obed. Servt.

Wm. Vernon

To

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Directr of the Mint

Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia,
Dec. 17, 1849.

Sir.

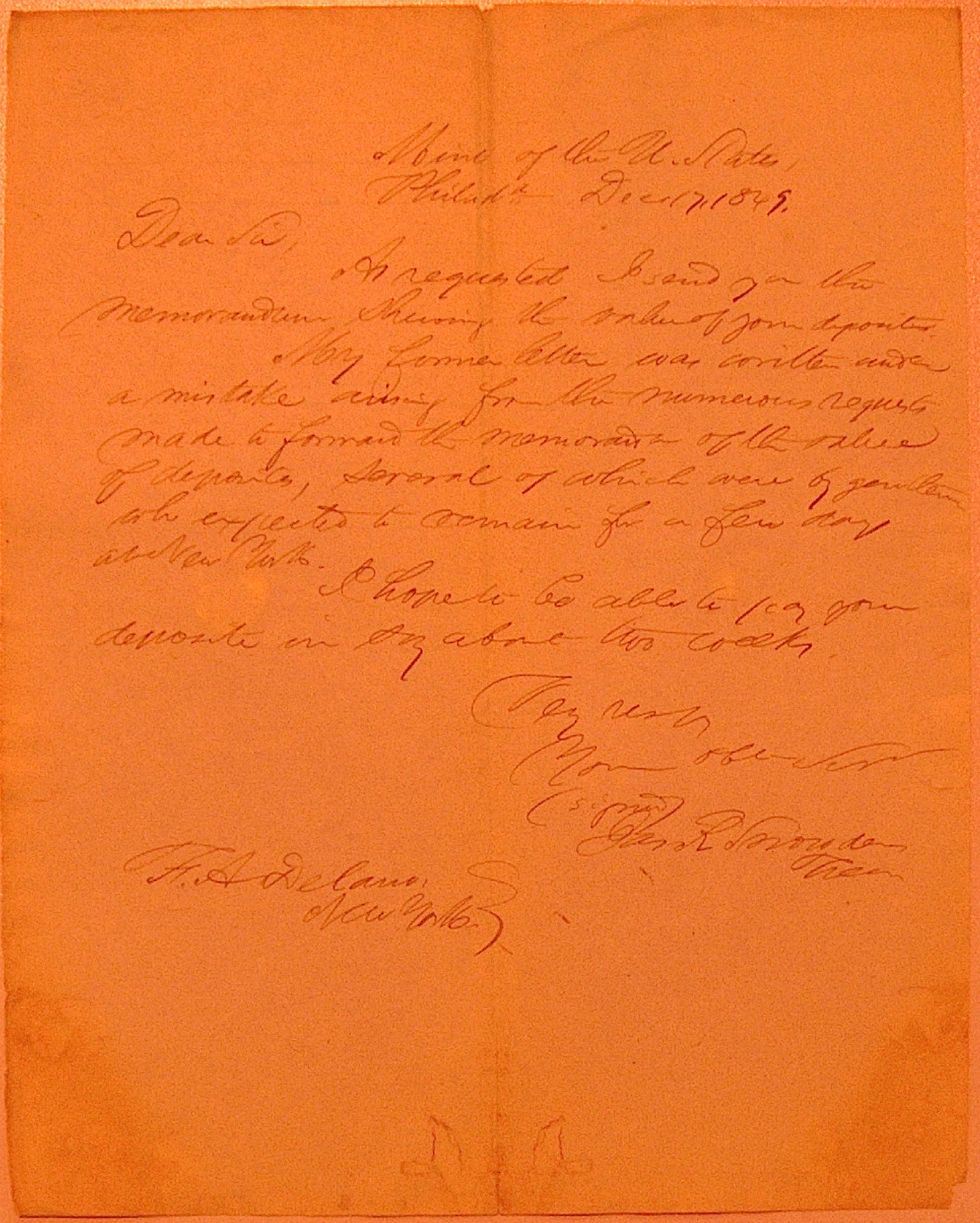
In compliance with the consent given in your letter of the 20th ult., I have caused a set of ~~coins~~ weights to be made by Messrs Meyer & Co., for W. M. Martin, Esq., Assistant Treasurer at Charleston, S.C., ~~and~~ the weights are now at the Mint to be adjusted by our Chief Coiner; and as soon as this is done, they will be sent to ~~I send the~~ Mr. Martin.

As the work of ~~Messrs~~ Meyer & Co is completed, I send their bill for the same. It includes a sum of Sixty dollars for a box with lining, which had not been included in the contract, but which is of absolute necessity.

If the draft in favor of Mr. Meyer be sent to my care, I will with pleasure attend to the payment.

R.M.P.
Dir.

To
Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Sec. of Treasury.



Mint of the U. States,
Philada Dec 17, 1849.

Dear Sir,

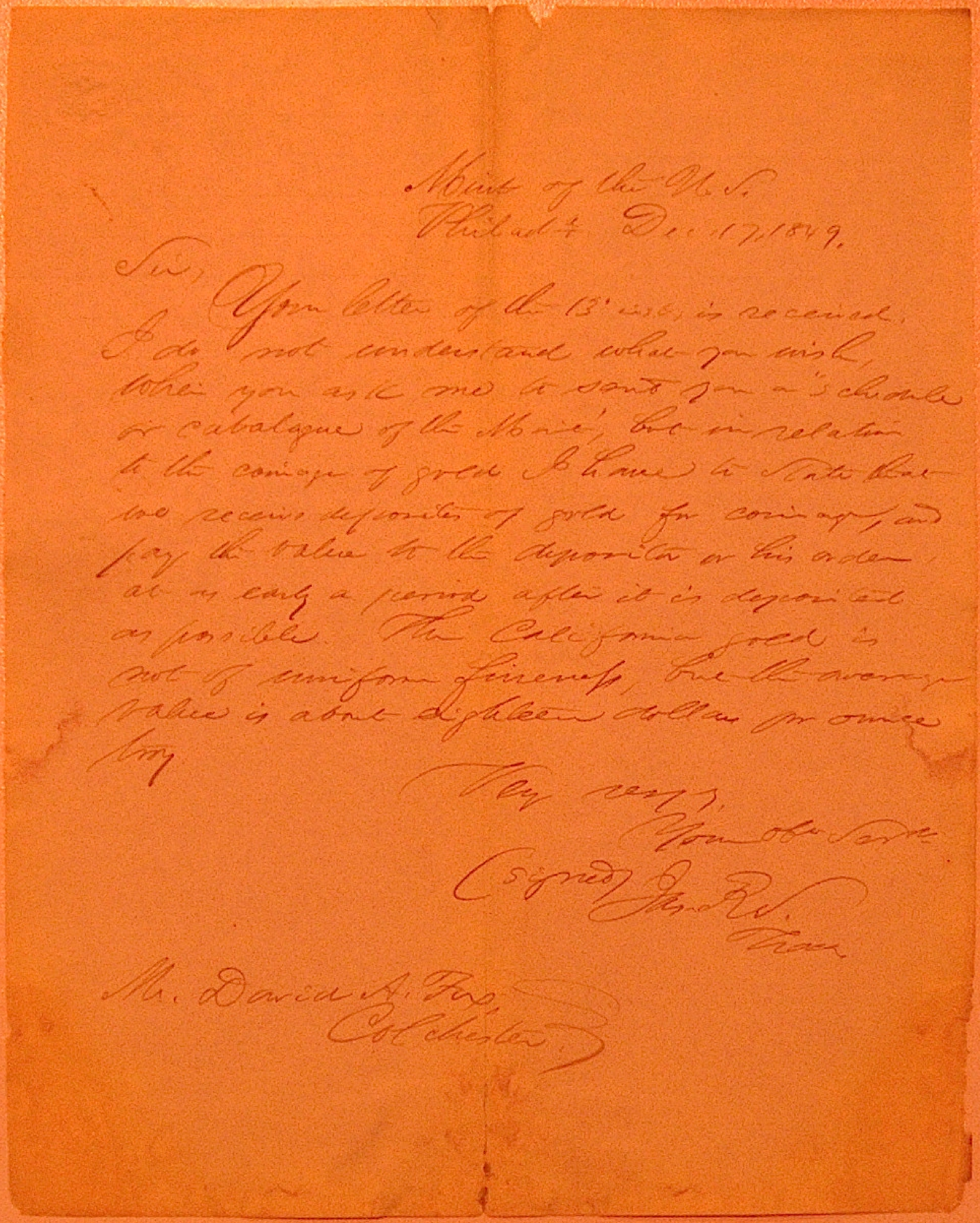
As requested I send you the memorandum shewing the value of your deposits.

My former letter was written under a mistake arising from the numerous requests made to forward the memoranda of the value of deposits, several of which were of gentlemen who expected to remain for a few days at New York.

I hope to be able to pay your deposits in say about two weeks.

Very resp'y
Your obt Servt
(signed) Geo. R. Snowden
Treas.

F. A. Delano,
New York.



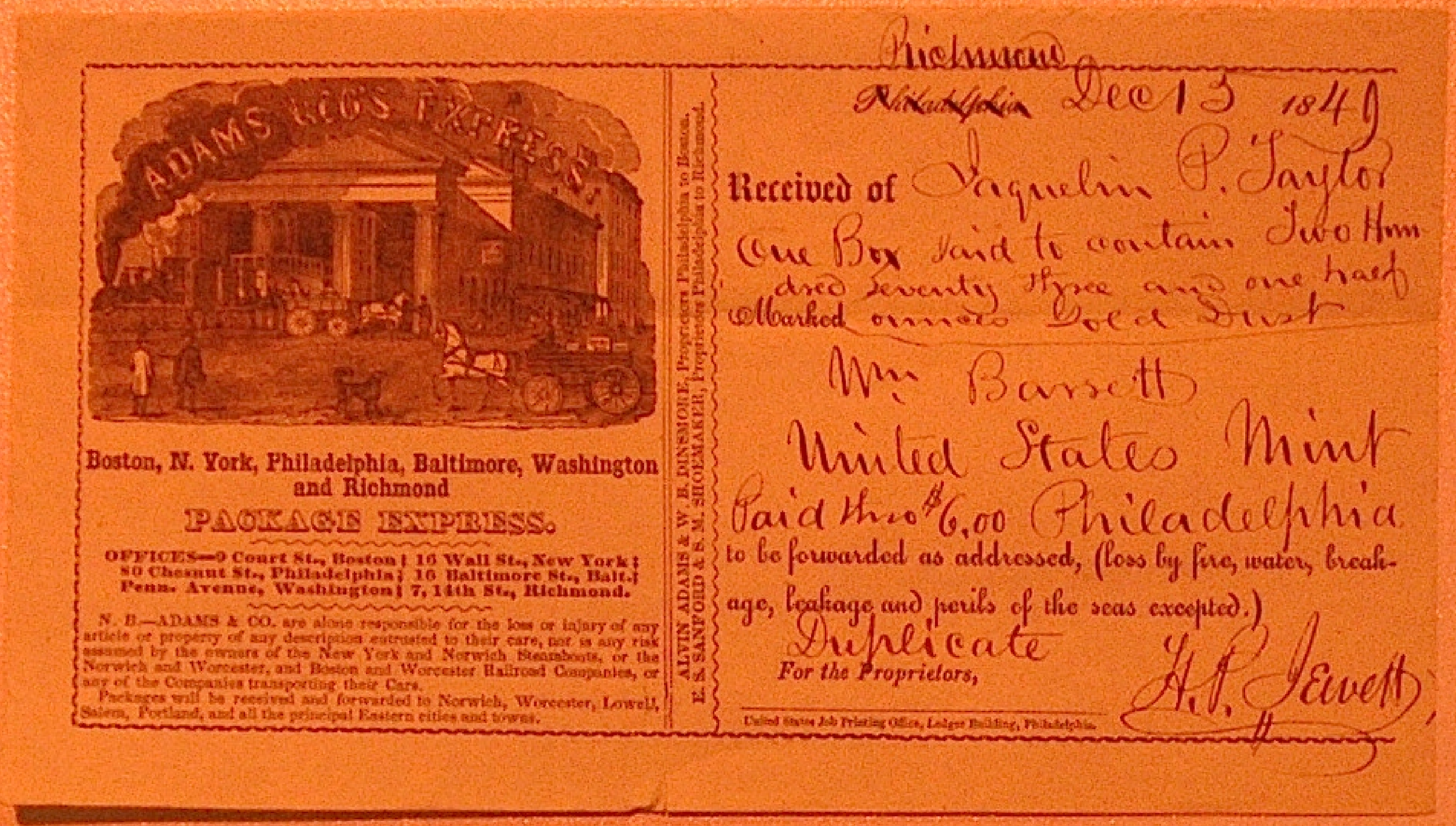
Mint of the U.S.
Philad.a Dec 17, 1849.

Sir,

Your letter of the 13th inst, is received. I do not understand what you wish, when you ask me to send you a "schedule or catalogue of the Mint", but in relation to the coinage of gold I have to state that we receive deposites of gold for coinage, and pay the value to the depositor or his order at as early a period after it is deposited as possible. The California gold is not of uniform fineness, but the average value is about eighteen dollars per ounce troy.

Very resp.y,
Your obt Servt
(signed) Jas R S.
Treas

Mr. David A. Fox,
Colchester.



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Richmond
~~Philadelphia~~ Dec 13 1849

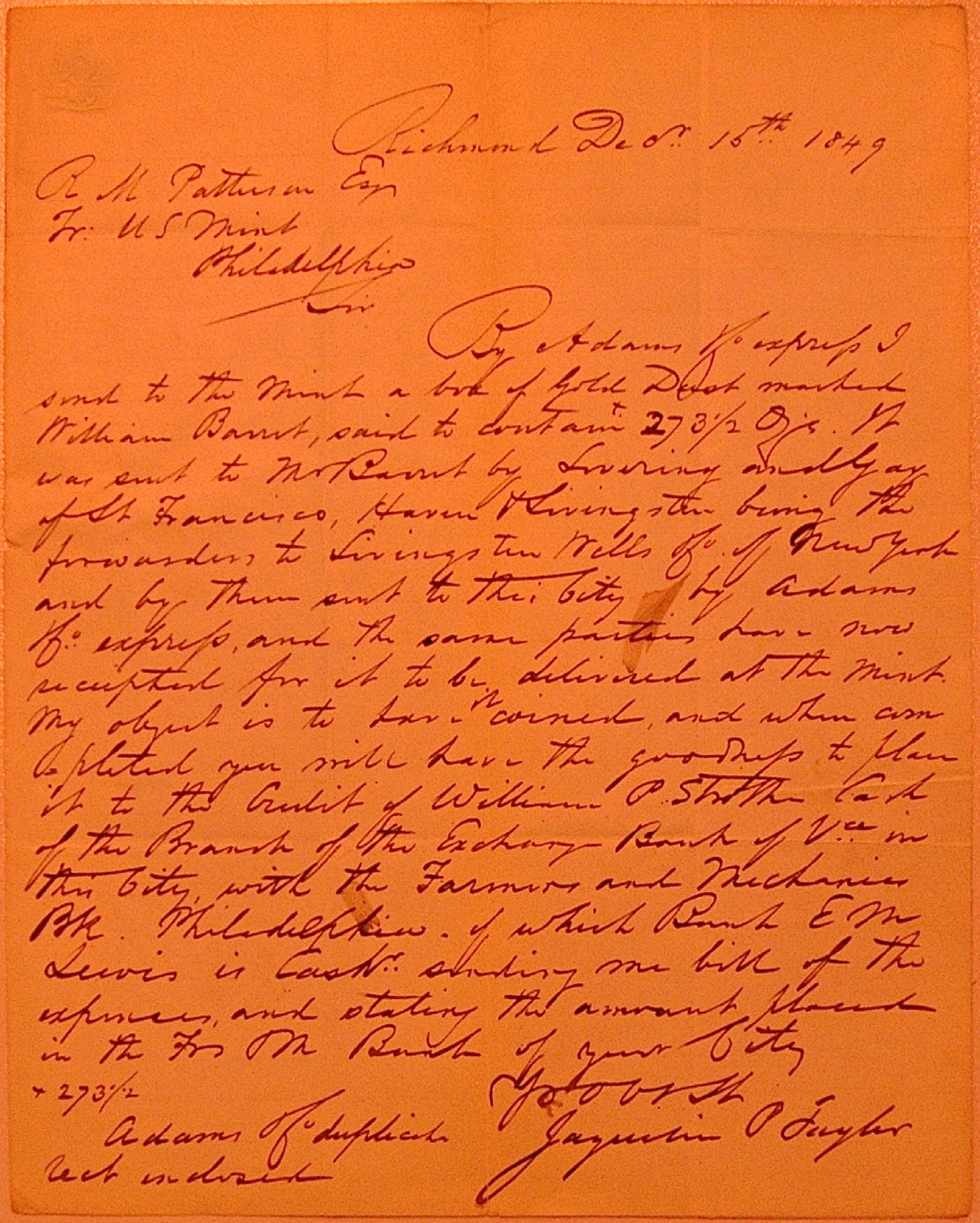
Received of Jaquelin P. Taylor
One Box said to contain Two Hundred seventy three and one half
Marked ounces Gold Dust

Mr Barrett
United States Mint
Paid thro $6.00 Philadelphia

to be forwarded as addressed, (loss by fire, water, breakage, leakage and perils of the seas excepted.)

Duplicate
For the Proprietors,
H. P. Jewett

United States Job Printing Office, Ledger Building, Philadelphia.



Richmond Decr. 15th. 1849

R M Patterson Esqr
Dr. U S Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

By Adams &c express I send to the Mint a box of Gold Dust marked William Barret, said to contain 273½ Ozs. It was sent to Mr Barret by Lowring and Gay of St Francisco, Haven & Livingston being the forwarders to Livingston Wells &c. of New York and by them sent to this City by Adams &c express, and the same parties have now receipted for it to be delivered at the Mint. My object is to have it coined, and when completed you will have the goodness to place it to the Credit of William P. Strother Cash of the Branch of the Exchange Bank of Va. in this City, with the Farmers and Mechanics Bk. Philadelphia. of which Bank E M Lewis is Cashr. sending me bill of the expenses, and stating the amount placed in the Frs Mc Bank of your City

+ 273½

Yr obt Sert
Jaquelin P Taylor

Adams &c duplicate rect enclosed

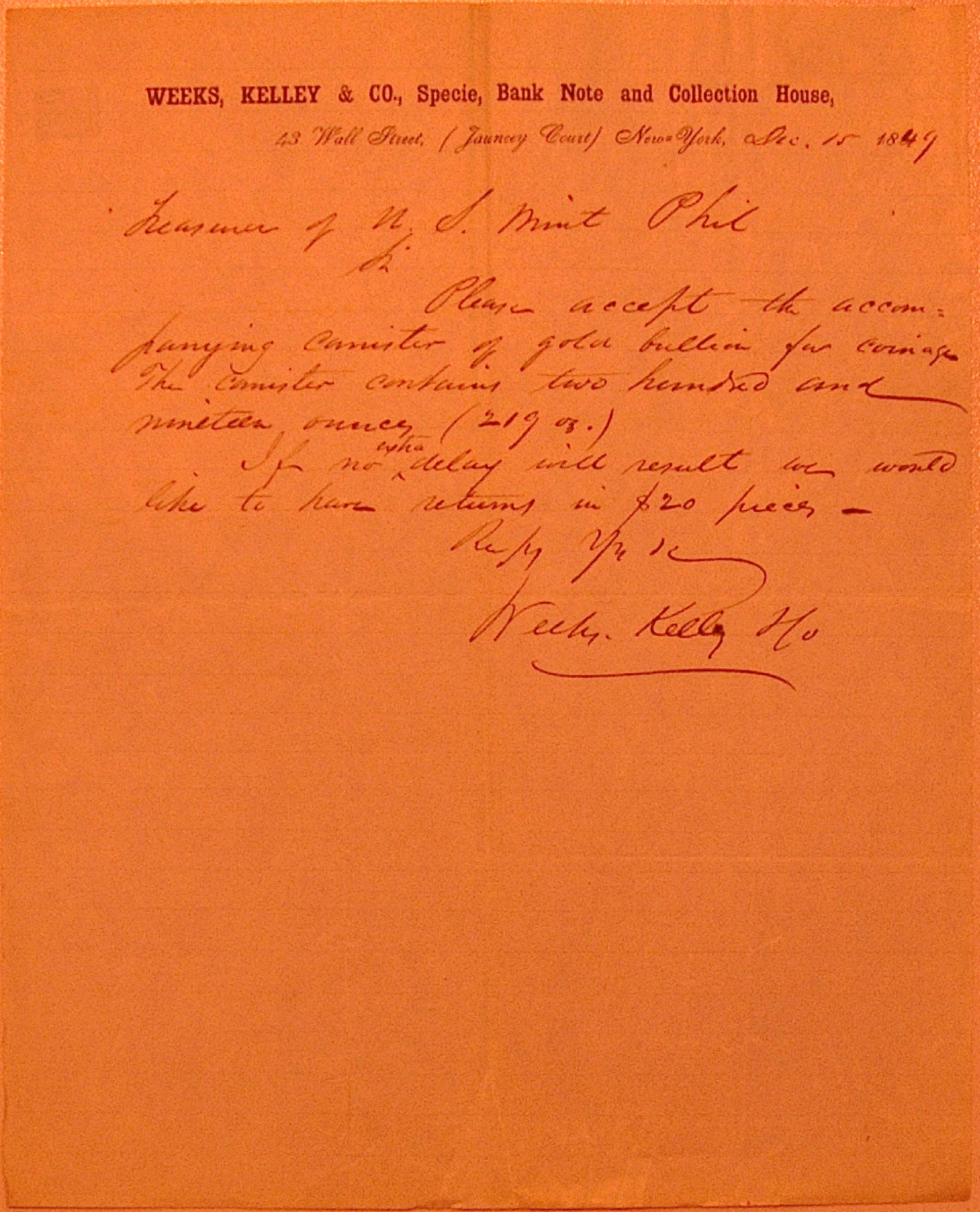
Salem 17 Dec

G W Edelman Esqr

I send you by Harnden's express this day, 2 boxes of African dust. RB 324 oz JH ditto 500 oz. please assay & keep each parcel separate, I will thank you to send me by mail the certificate for the same, & let me know when the proceeds will be subject to my order

with respect yours

Wm G Howard for Robert Brookhouse



WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,
43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Dec. 15 1849

Treasurer of U. S. Mint Phil
Sir

Please accept the accompanying Canister of gold bullion for coinage. The Canister contains two hundred and nineteen ounces (219 oz.)

If no extra delay will result we would like to have returns in $20 pieces –

Respy Yrs &c

Weeks, Kelley & Co

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia,
Dec. 15, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th, conveying the gratifying statement that the President had authorised the appointment of an additional Clerk ~~for the Treasurer~~ at of the Mint, as ~~requested~~ I had respectfully requested.

~~The place thus to be filled~~ is, under the terms of the 7th sect. of the Mint Act of January 18, 1837, that ~~place to be filled is~~ clerk is to be "appointed by the Director, with the approbation of the President." I accordingly to solicit the approbation of the President to the appointment of Mr. George F. Dunning as a Clerk for the Treasurer of the Mint.

Mr. Dunning was appointed ~~to the~~ ~~the~~ Clerk of the Director ~~of~~ on the 1st of January 1838, and he continued to ~~fill~~ occupy this place, ~~with the until June 1845, when he for more than~~ until June 1845, when he went to Brunswick, Maine, to take charge of his father's estate. I cannot speak in terms too high, ~~terms~~ of his attention, intelligence, and gentlemanly demeanor. All the officers and Clerks who were at the Mint while he was here, hold him in the highest regard, and are anxious for his return.

My connection with the [illegible] of [illegible] years has given [illegible] knowledge of Mr. Dunning's capacity and fitness, in all respects, for the

Mr. Dunning's connection with the Mint, of more than Seven years, has ~~satisfied me that~~ enabled me to recommend him ~~speak~~ with confidence, to the approval of the President; and I shall refer for a confirmation of my report ~~in the case~~, to but one other person, — the Hon. George Evans, who is well acquainted with him, now engaged at Washington on the Mexican Claims. ~~He is well acquainted with Mr. Dunning~~

R. M. P.
Dir.

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Sec. of the Treasury.

P.S. — ~~Mr. Dunning the Candidate~~ It may not ~~well~~ be improper to mention to you, that the gentleman whom I recommend is a brother of Mr. Robert D. Dunning, with whom I understand that you are acquainted, and is married to a daughter of the late Joseph O'Brien of this city.

Mint of the United States,
Philad.a Decr. 15. 1849

Copy

Sir,

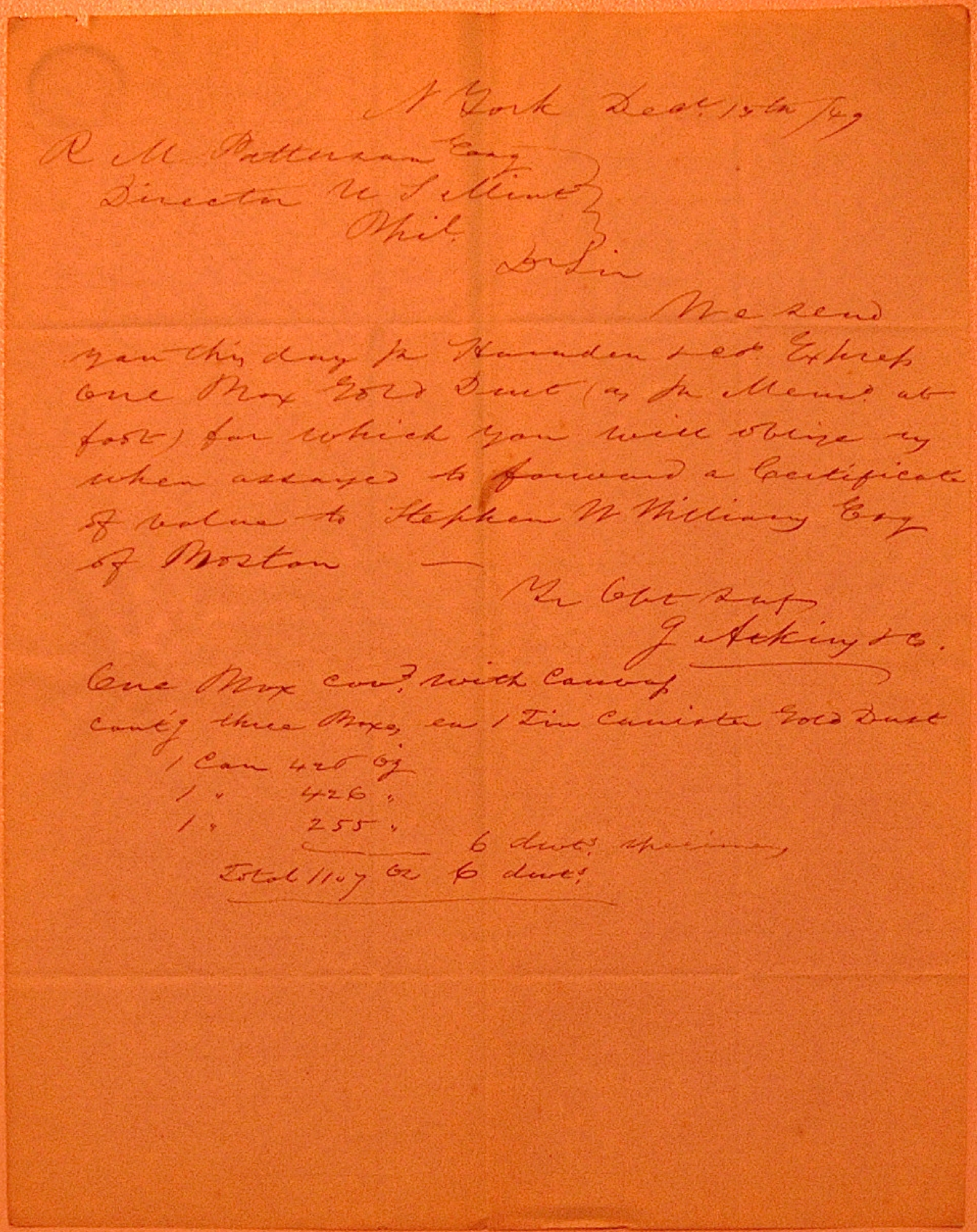
In compliance with your letter of the 13th inst I have the honor to transmit to you herewith Abstracts, exhibiting the amount of silver contained in the gold deposits for the 3rd Quarter of 1849, and the amount of gold contained in silver deposits for the same period.

I hope ~~they are~~ the form in which they are presented may be satisfactory to you.

I am very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

James Ross Snowden
Treasurer

T. L. Smith Esq.
First Aud., Treas. Dep't.
Washington City



N York Decr 15th /49

R M Patterson Esq
Director U S Mint
Phil.

Dr Sir

We send you this day pr Harnden & Co Express One Box Gold Dust (as pr Memo at foot) for which you will oblige us when assayed to forward a Certificate of value to Stephen W Williams Esq of Boston —

Yr Obt Servts
J Atkins & Co.

One Box covd with Canvas
contg three Boxes, ea 1 Tin Canister Gold Dust

1 Can 426 oz
1 " 426 "
1 " 255 "
6 dwts specimen
Total 1107 oz 6 dwts

New York 14 Dec 1849

Dear Sir

In reply to your favor of the 13th I have to request that you will send the Assay to my address in this city which is my place of residence and business.

Your obdt Servt

Fredk A. Delano

Jas R Snowden Esq
Treasr Etc
~~Washington~~
Phila

NY Dec. 14 1849

To the Treasurer of the U S Mint

Phila

You will greatly oblige me by sending the returns or assay of the parcel of gold 258 9/10 ounces of gold left with you by Hamden's Express for coinage — as the parties interested are desirous of arranging same

Please address No 3 Wall St

Respectfully yrs

Henry J Rutter

No. 44, Phila. Mint, Jan. - Mar. 1850

1-4-1850, J.F. Brown, N.Y. re: ore & coins from Cal. sent by J.F.B for a lady in Mobile.

1-15-1850, Mint Director, re: Cal. gold, average fineness is 890 thousands, remainder, silver; value; nearly 6,000,000; per A.R. of 1849/50.

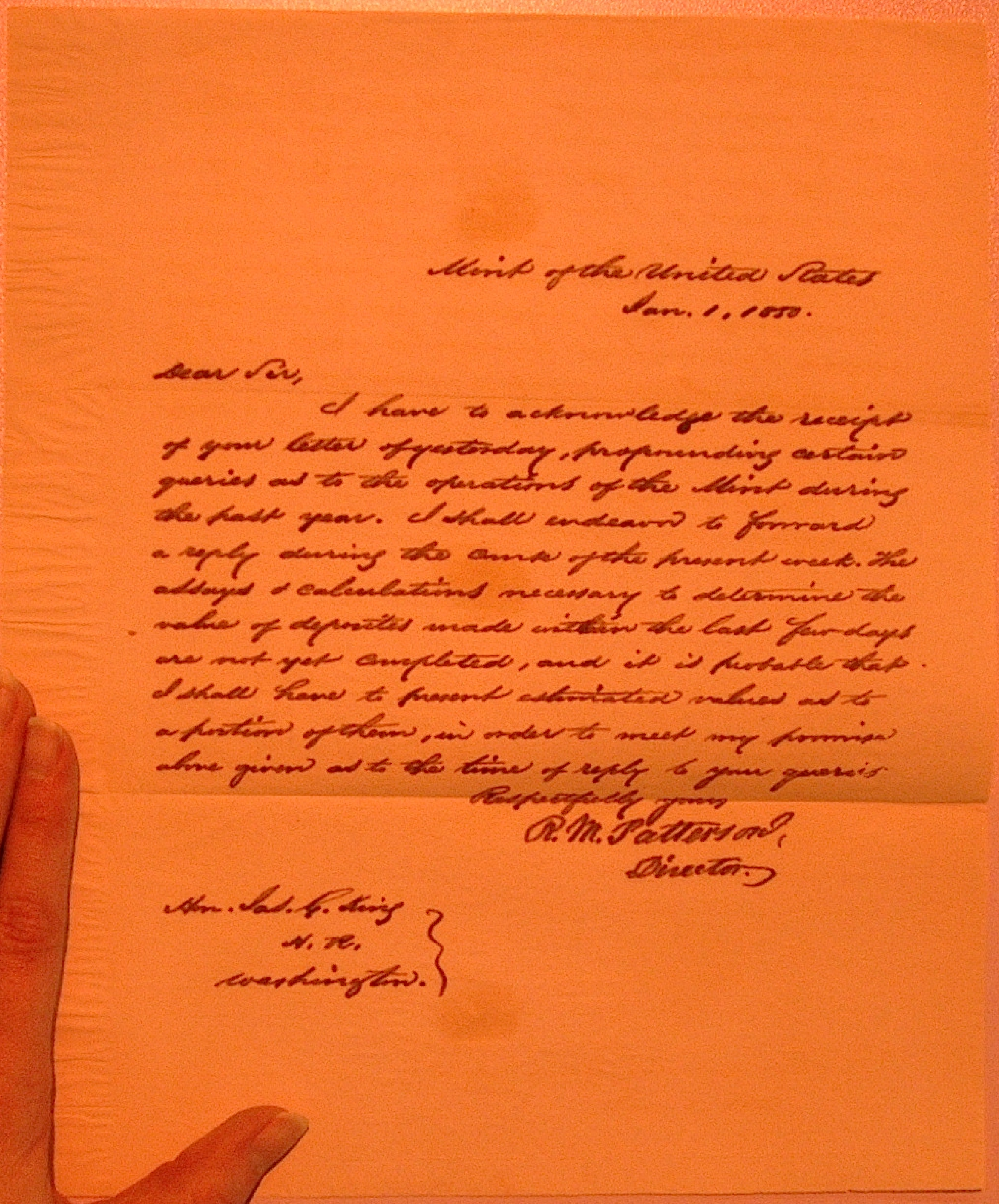
1-16-1850, Mint Director, Circular letter re: Sp. small coin in circulation & its current price v/v. US.

2-7-1850, J.M. Bernhisel, re: Mormon gold coin deposit.

3-13-1850, Weeks, Kelly & Co., re: deposit of Cal. coin.

3-25-1850, J.M. Bernhisel, re: Mormon gold coin dep.

3-26-1850, Mint Director & J.M. B. re: deposit.



Mint of the United States
Jan. 1, 1850.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, propounding certain queries as to the operations of the Mint during the past year. I shall endeavor to forward a reply during the course of the present week. The assays & calculations necessary to determine the value of deposites made within the last few days are not yet completed, and it is probable that I shall have to present estimated values as to a portion of them, in order to meet my promise above given as to the time of reply to your queries.

Respectfully yours
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

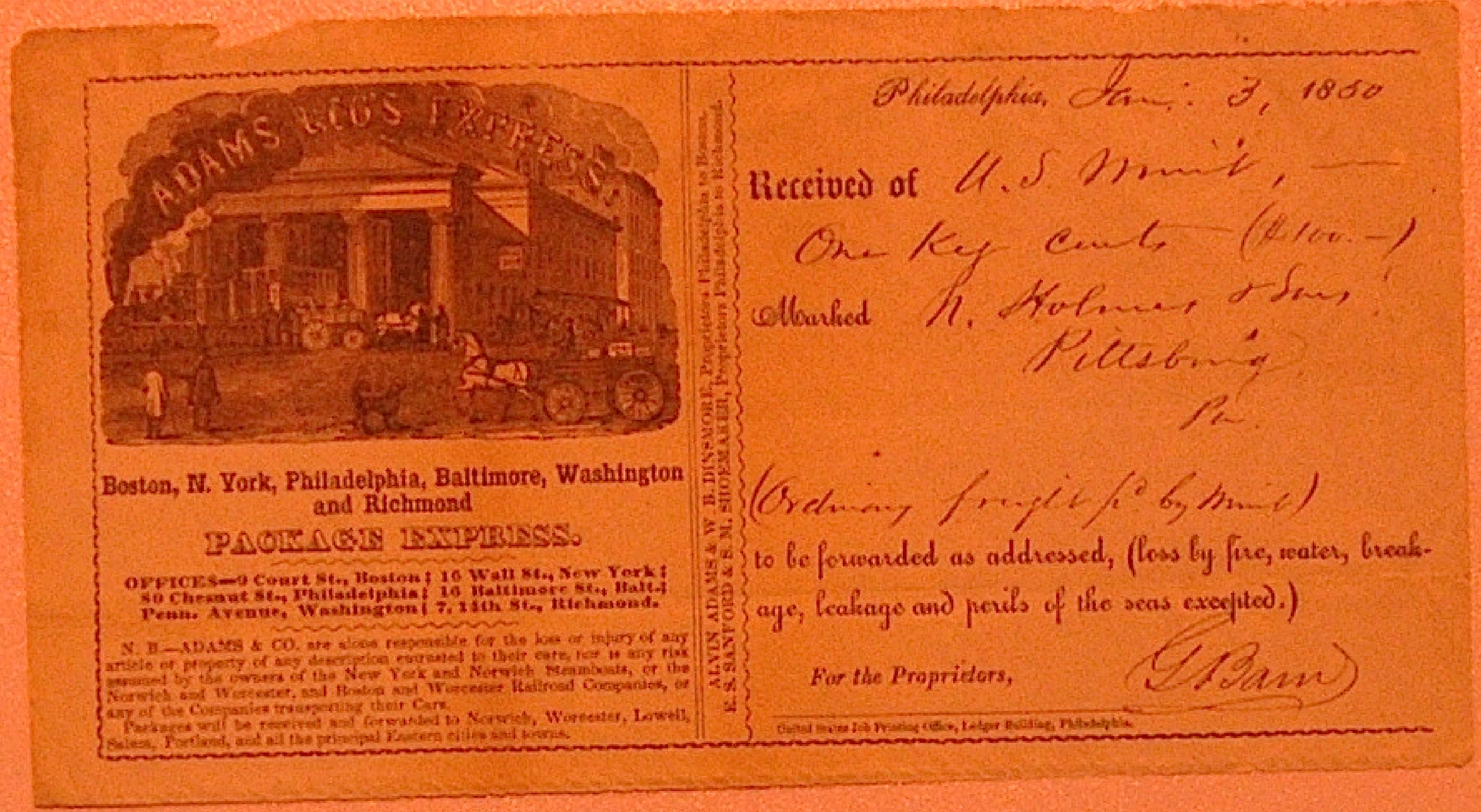
Hon. Jas. G. King
H. R.
Washington.

Mint U. S.
January 2. 1850.

Messrs Browns & Bowen
Gentlemen,

I have your favour of yesterday, containing the reply of your correspondent to certain inquiries of mine respecting the valuation of U. S. gold coin at the Bank of England. That reply is highly satisfactory, as it shows that our coin is ~~considered~~ found to be equal to its professed fineness, as nearly as their mode of expressing fineness ~~will~~ can show it; their assays only going to the eighth of a carat grain, or $1\frac{3}{10}$ thousandths. Their rate of "1 5/8 grains worse" is equivalent to $899\frac{3}{4}$ thousandths while the standard is 900. I am no less gratified to learn that they find such uniformity in the fineness; the "very rare instances of a report 1 3/4 grains worse" are evidently attributable to the standard of 1833-6, which was 899.225 thousandths. You will please accept my hearty thanks for your friendly intervention in this matter.

Very respectfully, [illegible]



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Philadelphia, Jan: 3, 1850

Received of U. S. Mint,

One Keg Cents ($100.–)

Marked R. Holmes & Sons,
Pittsburg,
Pa.

(Ordinary freight pd by Mint)

to be forwarded as addressed, (loss by fire, water, breakage, leakage and perils of the seas excepted.)

For the Proprietors,

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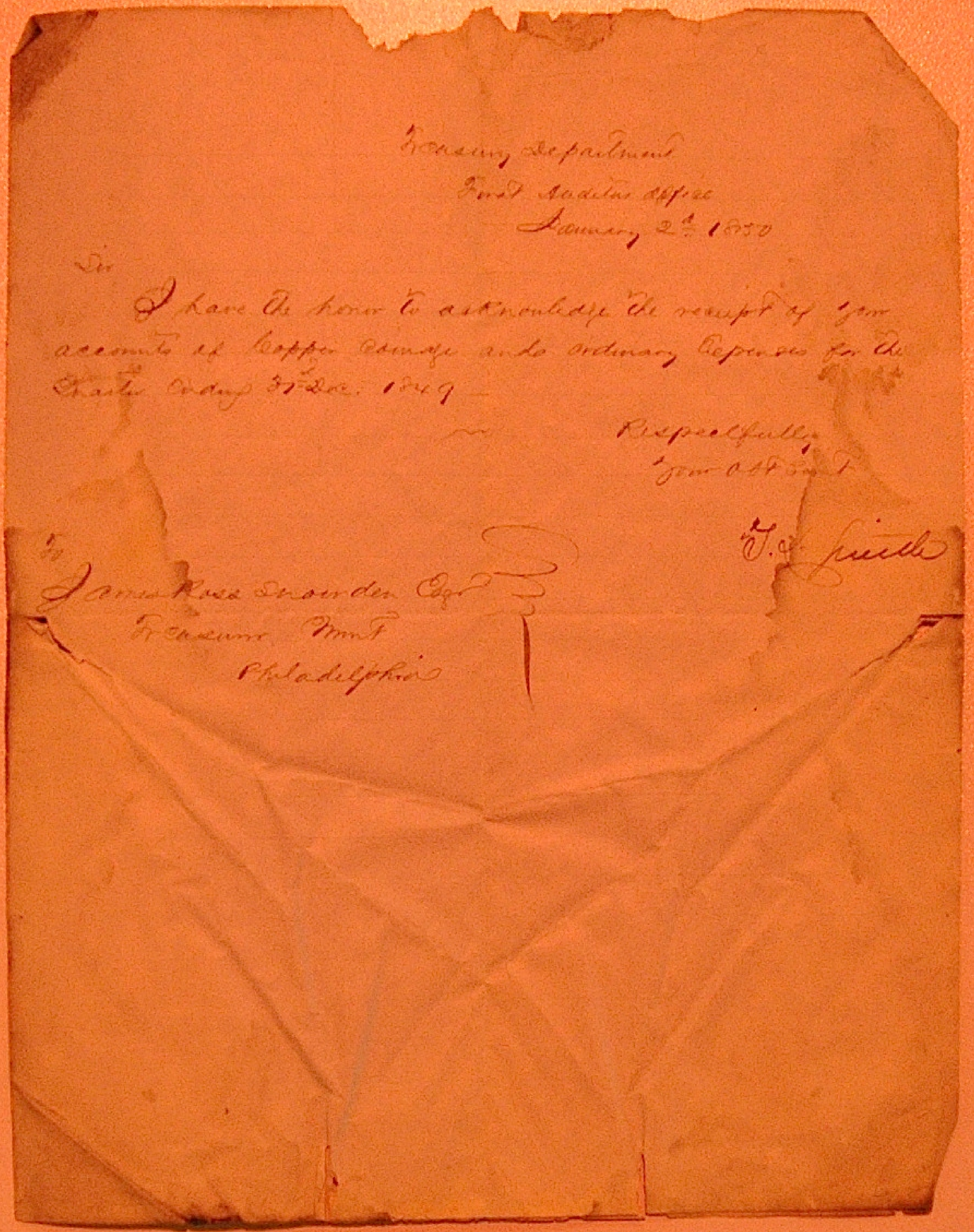


Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
January 2d 1850

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your accounts of Copper Coinage and ordinary Expenses for the Quarter ending 31st Dec. 1849 —

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

T. L. Smith

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr
Treasurer Mint
Philadelphia

Washington Jany. 3d. '60

Dr Sir

The memorandum which you sent me of my deposite of Gold bullion was wrongly directed. it came to only Heeman & Oelrichs, instead of my address to the Care of Leeman & Oelrichs—

As I have shifted my residence to this city please direct your next communication to Lieut. William May U.S. Navy Care of Doctr. Frederick May Washington City D.C. & oblige

Yrs respectfully
W May

Say 2 weeks

To
Geo. W Edelman Esqr.

Department of the Interior,
Office Indian Affairs,
January 3d 1850.

Sir,

You are respectfully requested to furnish this Office, at your earliest convenience with an estimate of the probable number of Medals that can be furnished in accordance with the proportions stated in my letter of instructions to you on the subject, dated December, 3d 1849.

Please to let me know also the number of days you would require to furnish thirty of each size.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Orlando Brown

Doct. R. M. Patterson,
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

New York Jany 4th/50

Sir

On the 5th of Last Month I forwarded by Adams & Co a small package containing I believe ore & coins from California, not having heard from you. I write to enquire if it was recd and what is its Value, it was Marked with my name at 295 Broadway N.Y. and supposed to be worth about 500 dols. I have it in charge for a Lady in Mobile, and wish to realize its Value for her

Your's Very respectfully
J. F. Browne
295 Broadway

To the principal
Officer of U. S. Mint
Phila

Paid to Adams & Co on the 14th ult.

Washington Jany 4th 1850

Jas R Snowden Esq

Sir: I received a Telegraphic despatch from you, to day, in which you say "the gold referred to (Robt Moore) "was deposited by Adams & Co without any specific directions", They agreed to have the certificate of deposit forwarded to me, I being the agt of Robt Moore, and having sent the dust by that Express. My directions to you now, as the officer of the mint, are to acknowledge the receipt of this letter, informing me of the quantity of dust, and *not* pay out the same unless by order *under my signature*, or to *me in person*

I am dear Sir, Yours truly

Saml R Thurston

[illegible] H.B

Missouri

31st CONGRESS,
1st Session.

S. 24.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

January 4, 1850.

Ordered to be printed.

AMENDMENT

Intended to be proposed by Mr. Benton to the bill [S. 24,] to establish a branch of the Mint of the United States in the city of New York.

At the end thereof, add the following:

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That a branch of the Mint of the United States be established in San Francisco, California, for the coinage of gold and silver. And for the purpose of purchasing a site, erecting a suitable building, and completing the necessary combinations of machinery for the said branch, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That temporary buildings shall be procured or erected immediately for carrying on the business of said branch mint, and the following officers shall be appointed, upon the nomination of the President, and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to wit: one superintendent, one treasurer, one assayer,

Towers, printer.

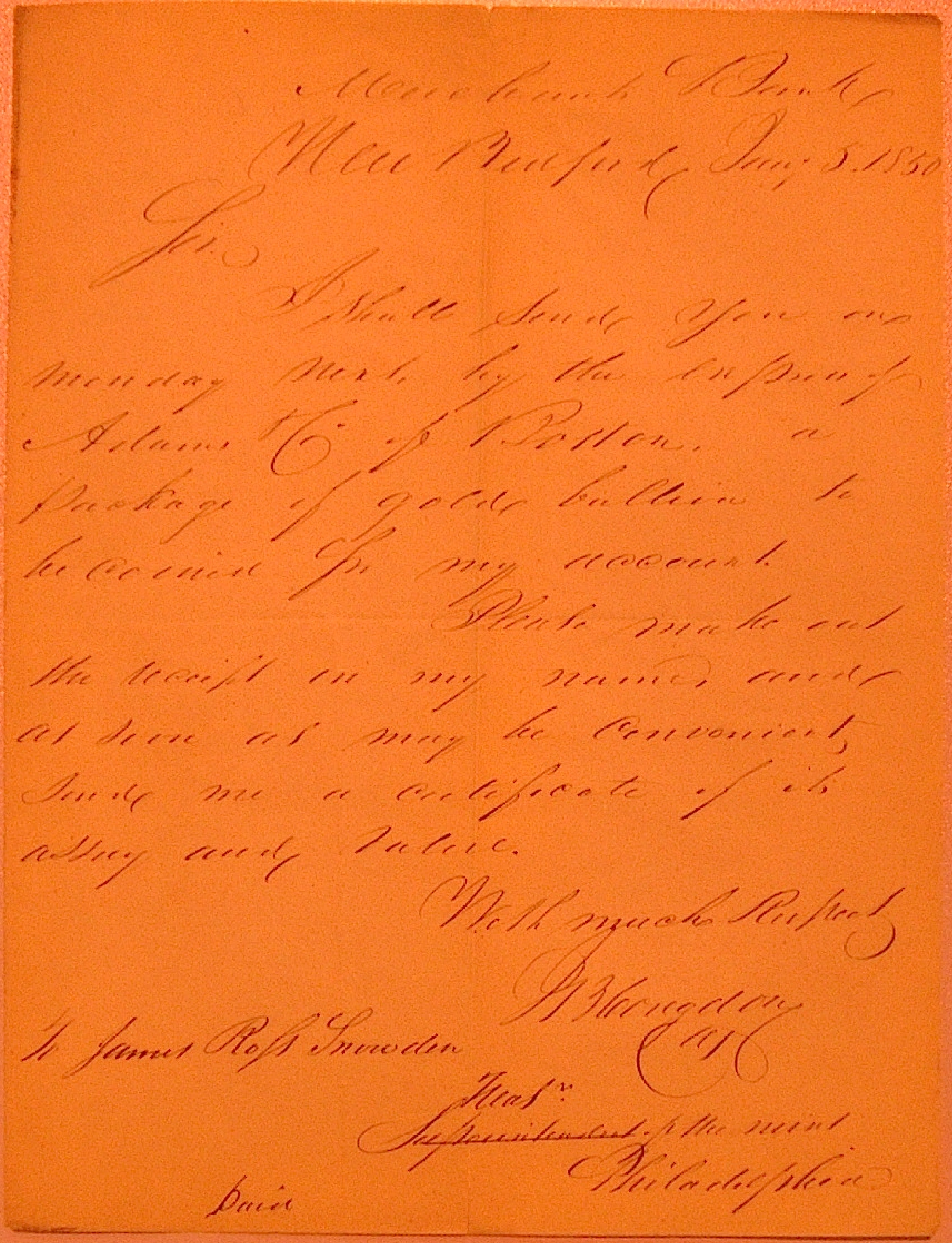
one melter and refiner, and one coiner. And the said superintendent shall engage and employ as many clerks, and as many subordinate workmen and servants, as shall be provided for by law; and the salaries of said officers and clerks shall be as follows:

To the superintendent, and to the treasurer, the sum of five thousand dollars each; to the assayer, to the melter and refiner, and to the coiner, the sum of four thousand dollars each; to the clerks the sum of three thousand dollars each; to the subordinate workmen, not exceeding twenty, such wages and allowances as are customary and reasonable according to their respective stations and occupations.

SEC. ~~9~~ 10. *And be it further enacted,* That the third, fourth, and fifth sections of this act shall be held and taken to be applicable to the said branch mint at San Francisco, in the same manner as if specially named therein; and the said branch mint shall be the place of deposit for the public moneys collected in the custom house at San Francisco, and for such other public moneys as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct; and the treasurer of said branch mint shall have the custody of the same, and shall perform the duties of an assistant treasurer, and for that purpose shall be subject to all the provisions contained in an act entitled, "An act to provide for the better organiza-

tion of the Treasury, and for the collection, safe keeping, transfer and disbursement of the public revenue," approved August the sixth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, which relates to the treasurer of the branch mint at New Orleans.

Section 11. And be it further enacted, That the assayer authorized to be appointed by the ninth section of this act, shall be appointed, immediately, and shall perform such duties in aſsaying and fixing the value of gold in grains or lumps, and in forming the same into bars, as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, either for individuals, companies, or the government; and the sum of fifty thousand dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, be and the same hereby is appropriated for defraying the expense of the said gold aſsay, for the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1851.



Merchants Bank
New Bedford Jany 5.1850

Sir

I shall send you on monday next by the express of Adams & Co of Boston a package of gold bullion to be coined for my account.

Please make out the receipt in my name and as soon as may be convenient, send me a certificate of its assay and value.

With much Respect

J B Congdon
Cash

To James Ross Snowden
Treasr.
~~Superintendent~~ of the mint
Philadelphia

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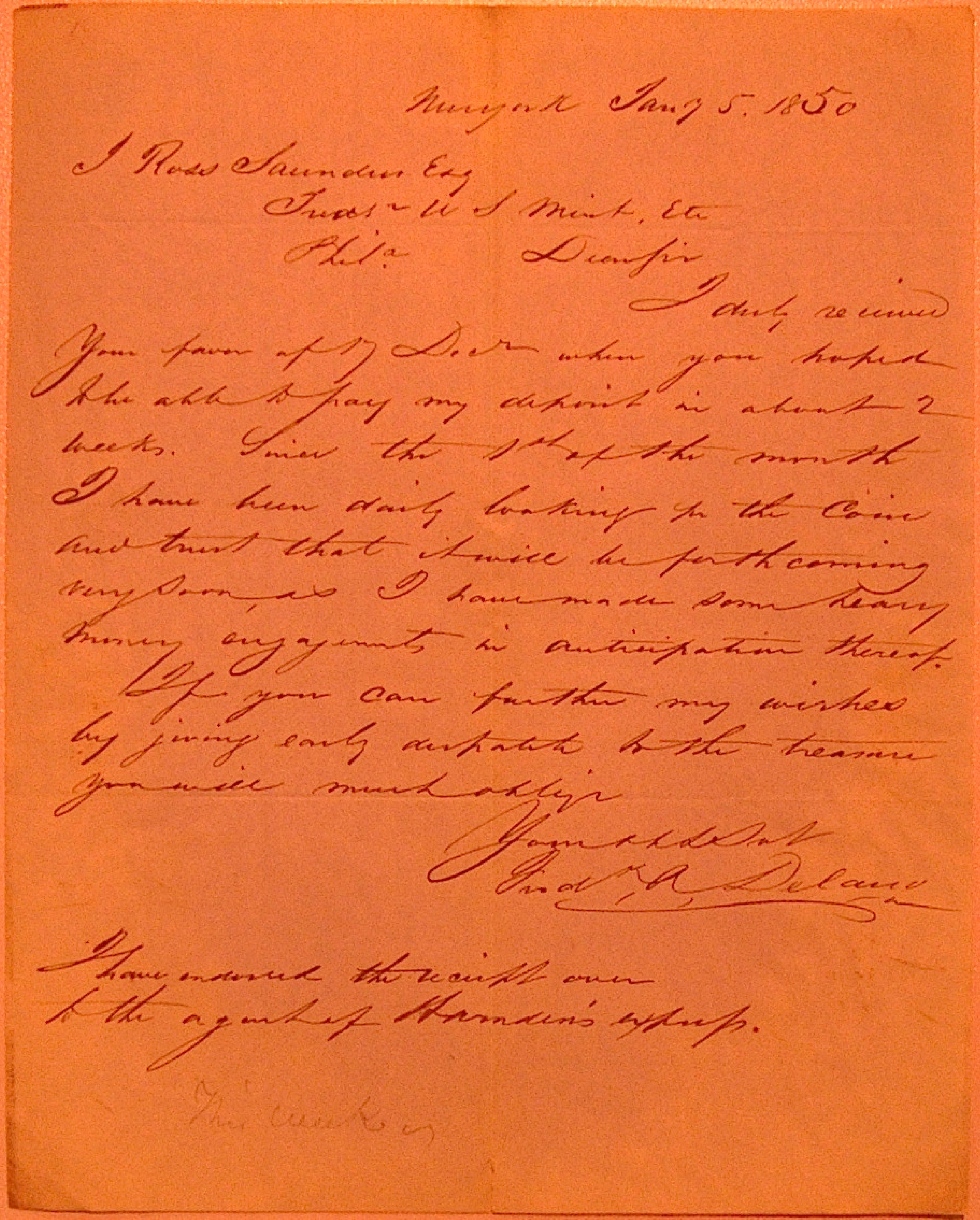


Newyork Jany 5. 1850

J Ross Saunders Esq
Treasr U S Mint, Etc
Phila

Dear Sir

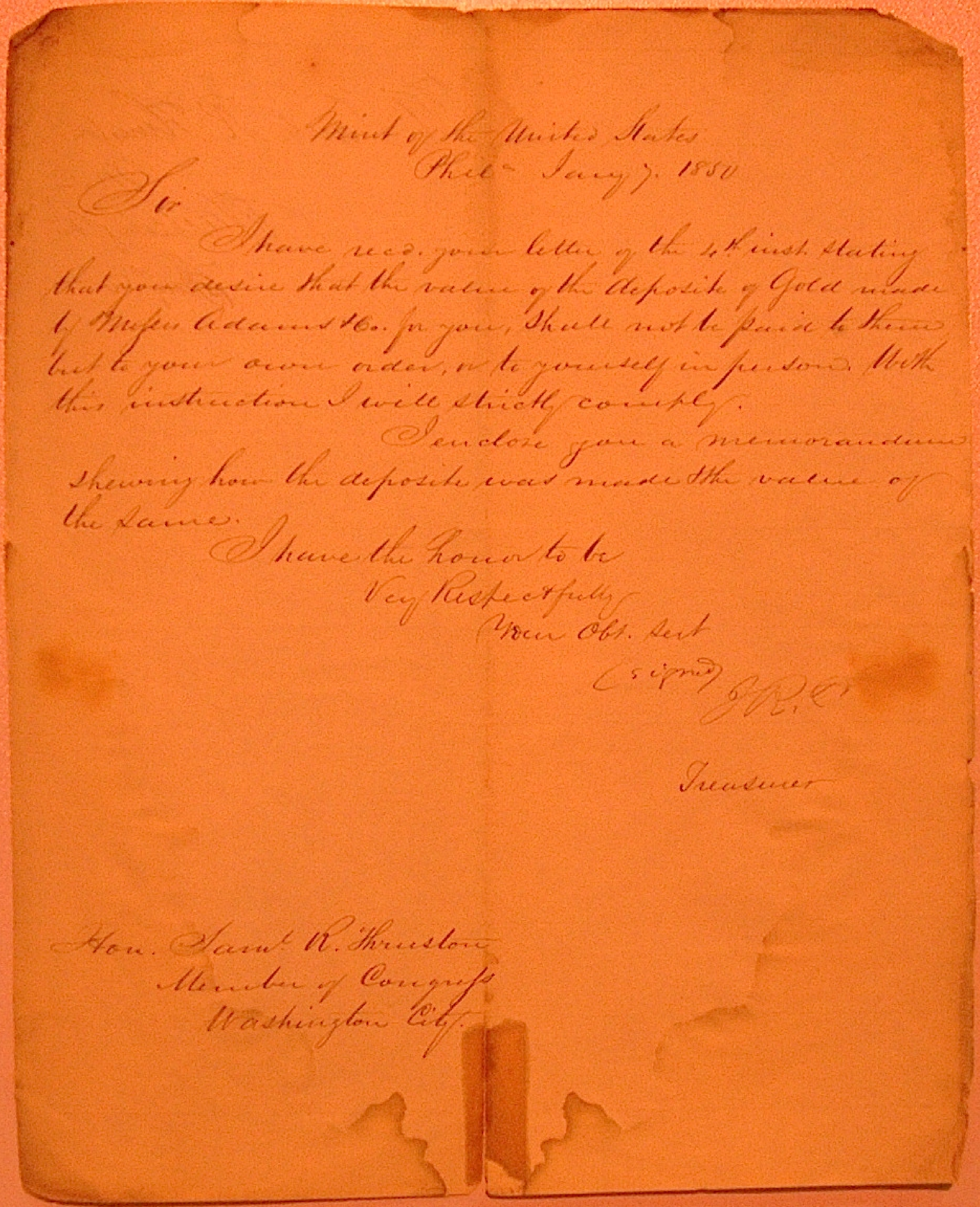
I duly received your favor of 17 Decr when you hoped to be able to pay my deposit in about 2 weeks. Since the 1st of the month I have been daily looking for the Coin and trust that it will be forthcoming very soon, as I have made some heavy money engagements in anticipation thereof.

If you can further my wishes by giving early despatch to the treasure you will much oblige

Your obdt Servt
Fredk A Delano

I have endorsed the receipt over to the agent of Harnden's express.

Two weeks



Mint of the United States
Phil^a Jany 7. 1850

Sir

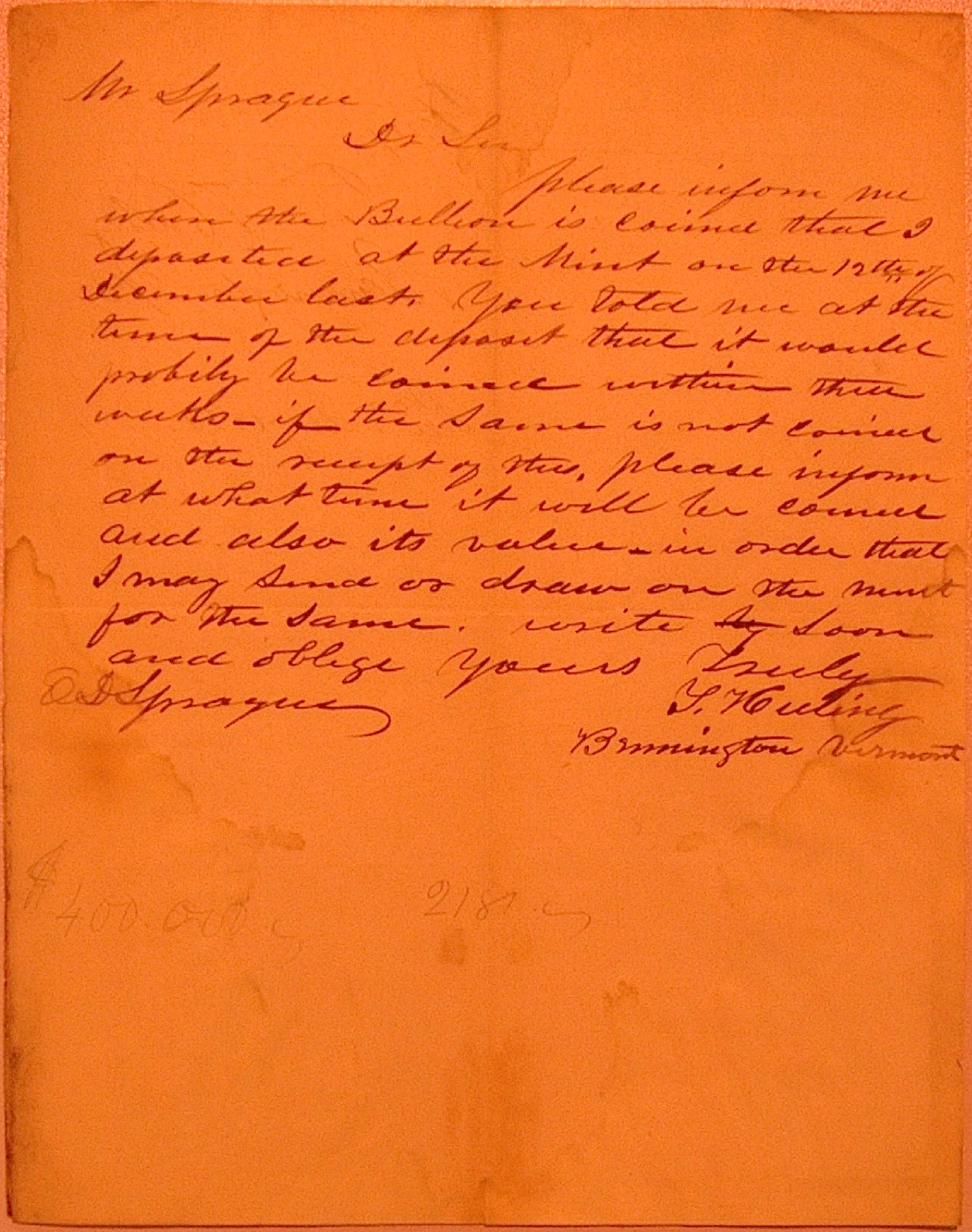
I have recd. your letter of the 4th inst. stating that you desire that the value of the deposite of Gold made by Messrs Adams & Co. for you, shall not be paid to them but to your own order, or to yourself in person. With this instruction I will strictly comply.

I enclose you a memorandum shewing how the deposite was made & the value of the same.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(signed) J. R. C.

Treasurer

Hon. Saml. R. Thurston
Member of Congress
Washington City



Mr Sprague

Dr Sir

please inform me when the Bullion is coined that I deposited at the Mint on the 12th of December last. You told me at the time of the deposit that it would probily be coined within three weeks - if the same is not coined on the receipt of this, please inform at what time it will be coined and also its value - in order that I may send or draw on the mint for the same. write ~~by~~ soon and oblige yours Truly

J. T. Culing

Bennington Vermont

D. D. Sprague

$400.00

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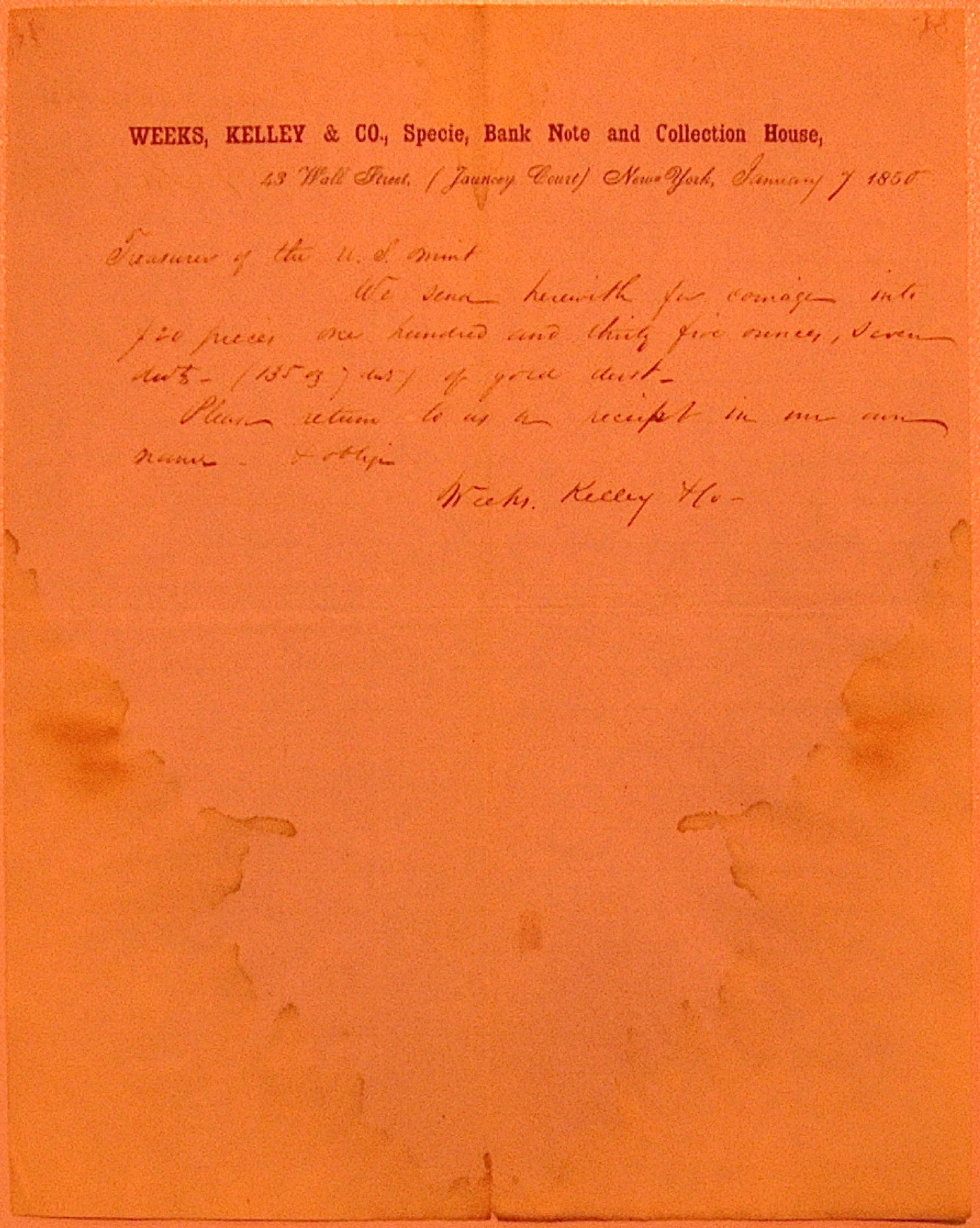


WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

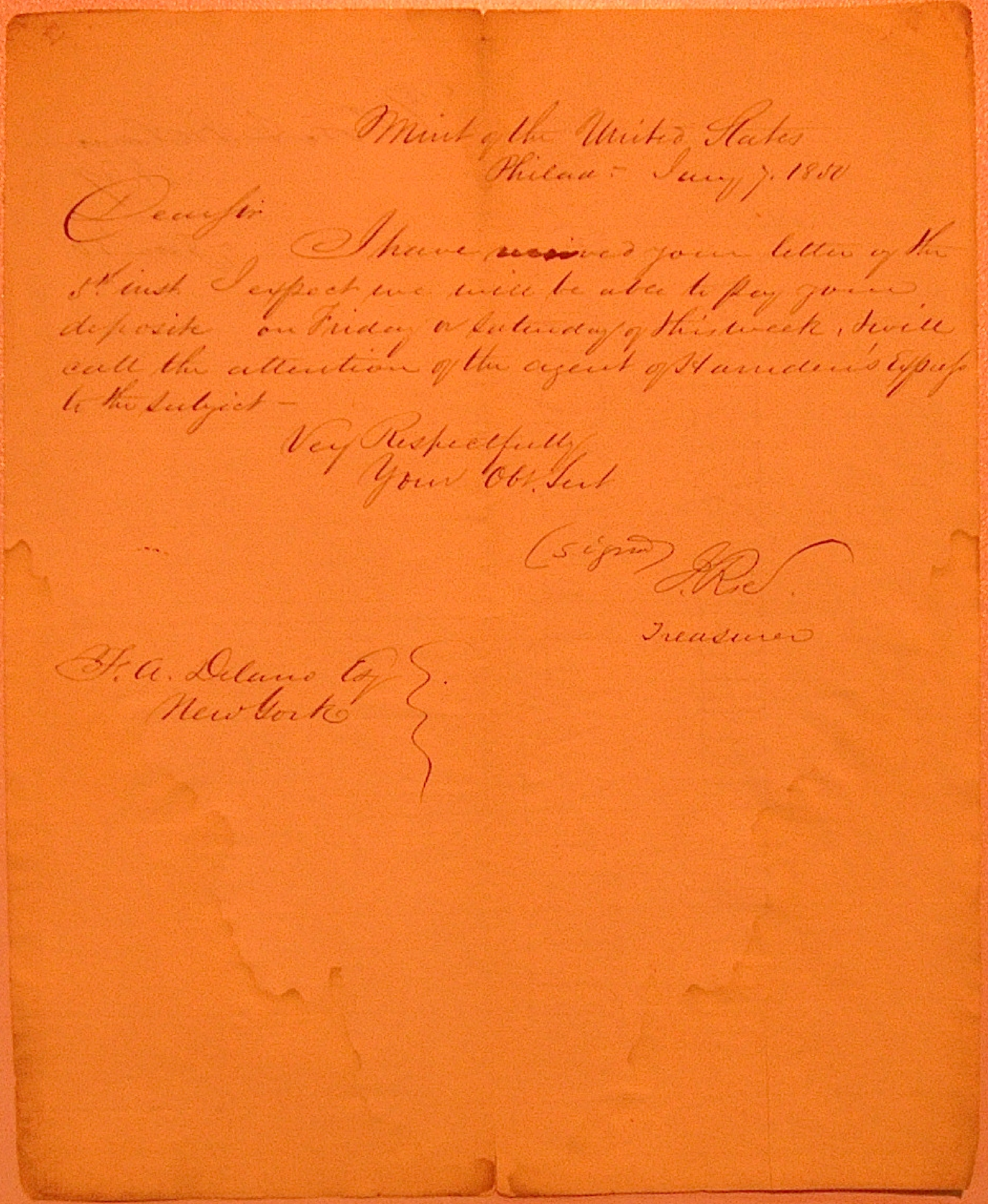
43 Wall Street. (Jauncey Court) New-York, January 7 1850

Treasurer of the U. S. Mint

We send herewith for coinage into $20 pieces one hundred and thirty five ounces, seven dwts - (135 oz 7 dwt) of gold dust -

Please return to us a receipt in our own name - & oblige

Weeks, Kelley & Co -



Mint of the United States
Philada. Jany 7. 1850

Dear Sir

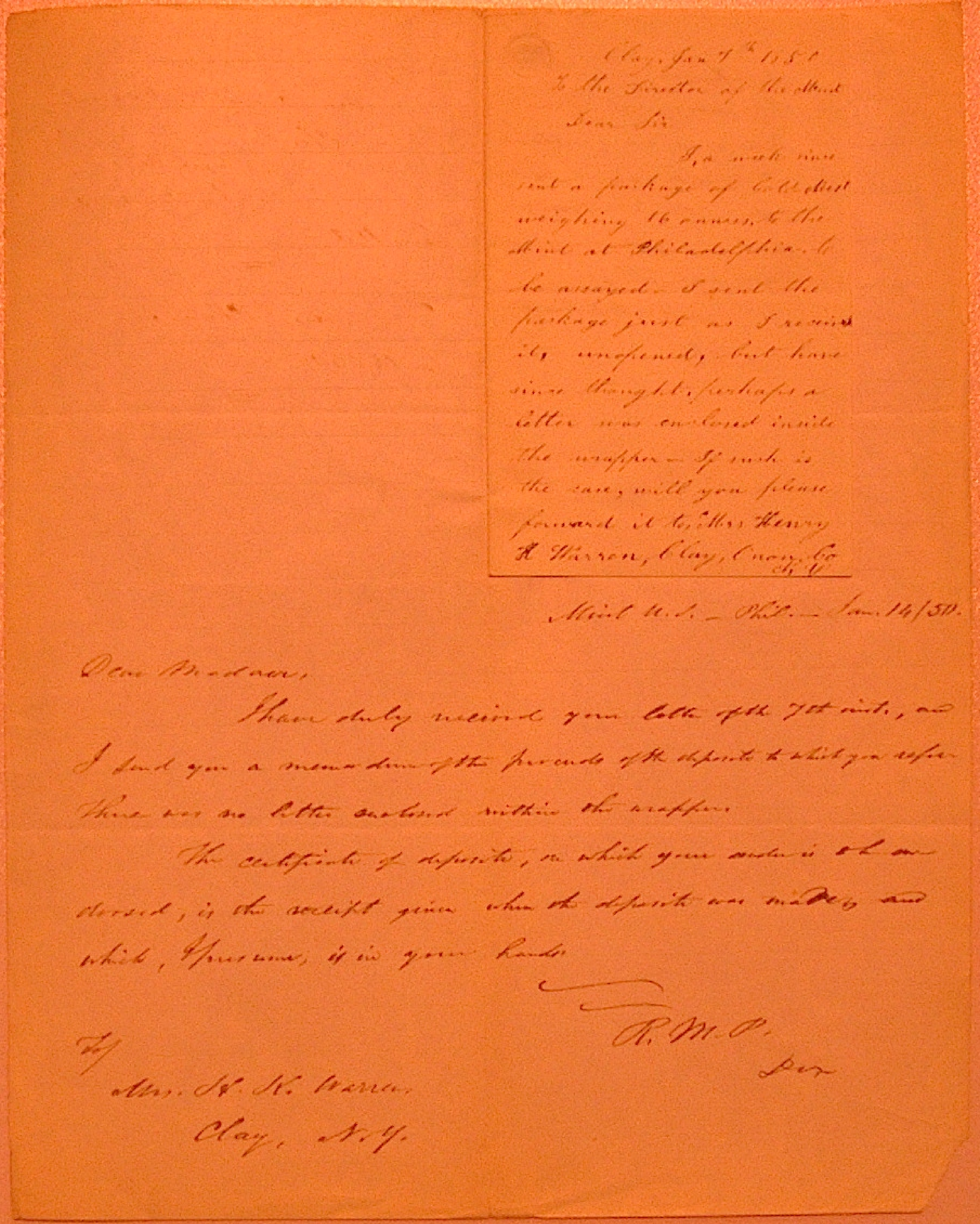
I have received your letter of the 5th inst. I expect we will be able to pay your deposit on Friday or Saturday of this week, & will call the attention of the agent of Harnden's Express to the subject—

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Sert

(signed) J.R.S.

Treasurer

F. A. Delano Esq
New York



Clay, Jan 7th 1850

To the Director of the Mint

Dear Sir

I, a week since sent a package of Gold dust weighing 16 ounces, to the Mint at Philadelphia to be assayed — I sent the package just as I received it, unopened, but have since thought perhaps a letter was enclosed inside the wrapper — If such is the case, will you please forward it to Mrs Henry H Warren, Clay, Onon. Co N.Y.

Mint U.S. — Phil. — Jan. 14/50.

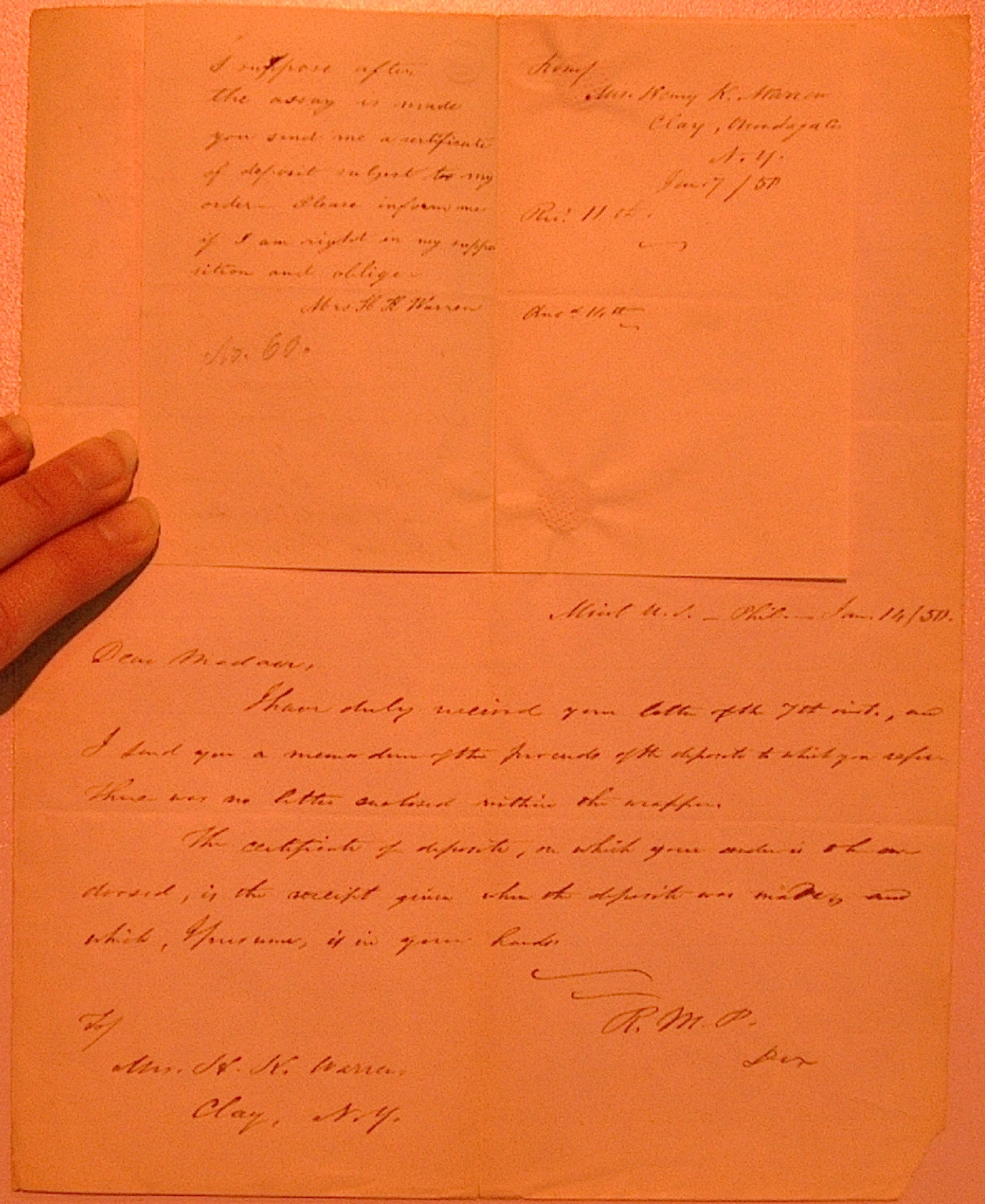
Dear Madam,

I have duly received your letter of the 7th inst., and I send you a memorandum of the proceeds of the deposits to which you refer. There was no letter enclosed within the wrapper.

The certificate of deposit, on which your order is to be endorsed, is the receipt given when the deposit was made, and which, I presume, is in your hands.

R. M. P.
Dir

To/
Mrs. H. H. Warren,
Clay, N.Y.



I suppose after
the assay is made
you send me a certificate
of deposit subject to my
order. Please inform me
if I am right in my supp-
osition and oblige.

Mrs H. K. Warren

No. 60.

[illegible]
Mrs. Henry K. Warren
Clay, Onondaga
N.Y.
Jan 7 / 50

Recd. 11th.

Ansd. 14th

Mint U.S. – Phila. – Jan. 14/50.

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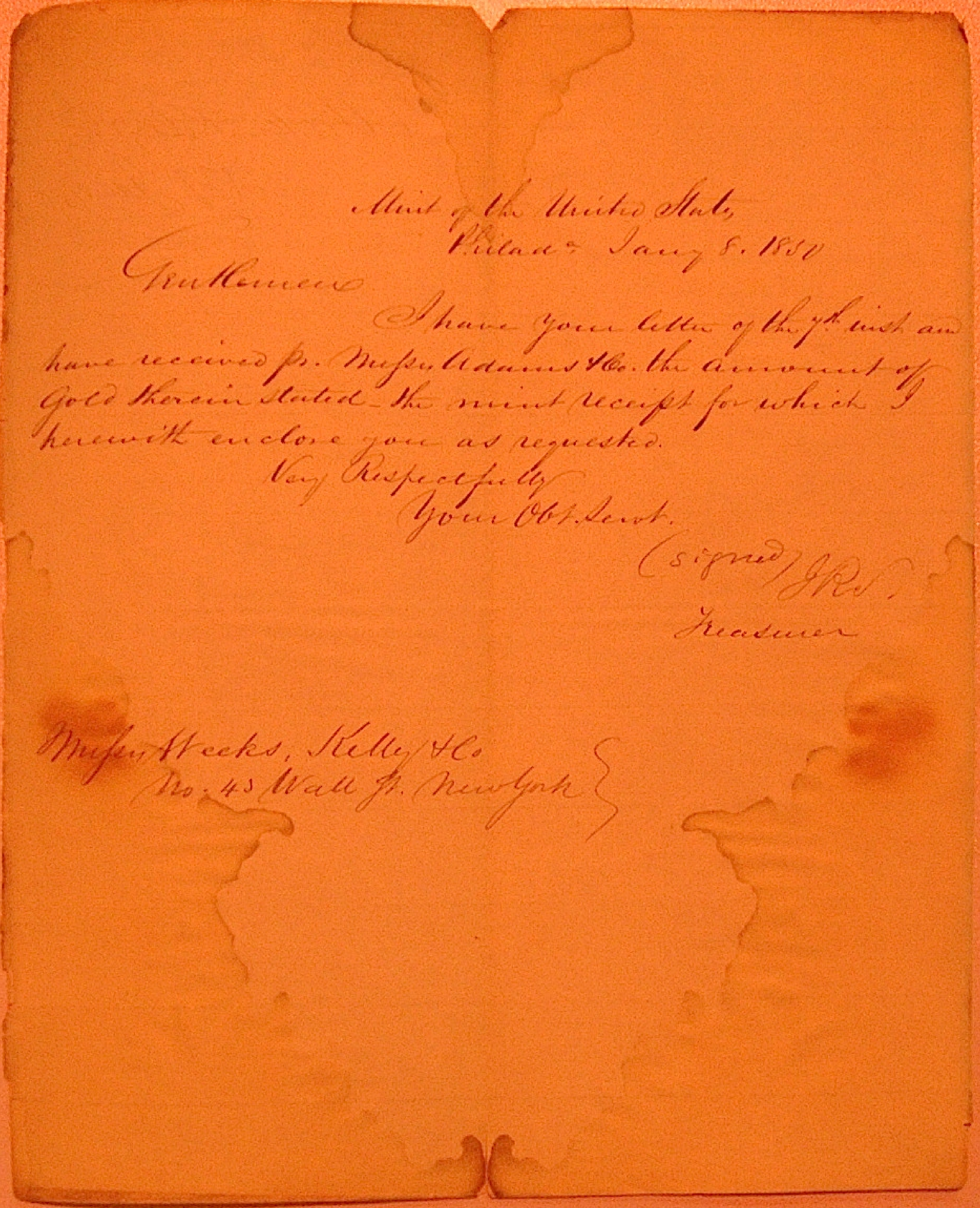


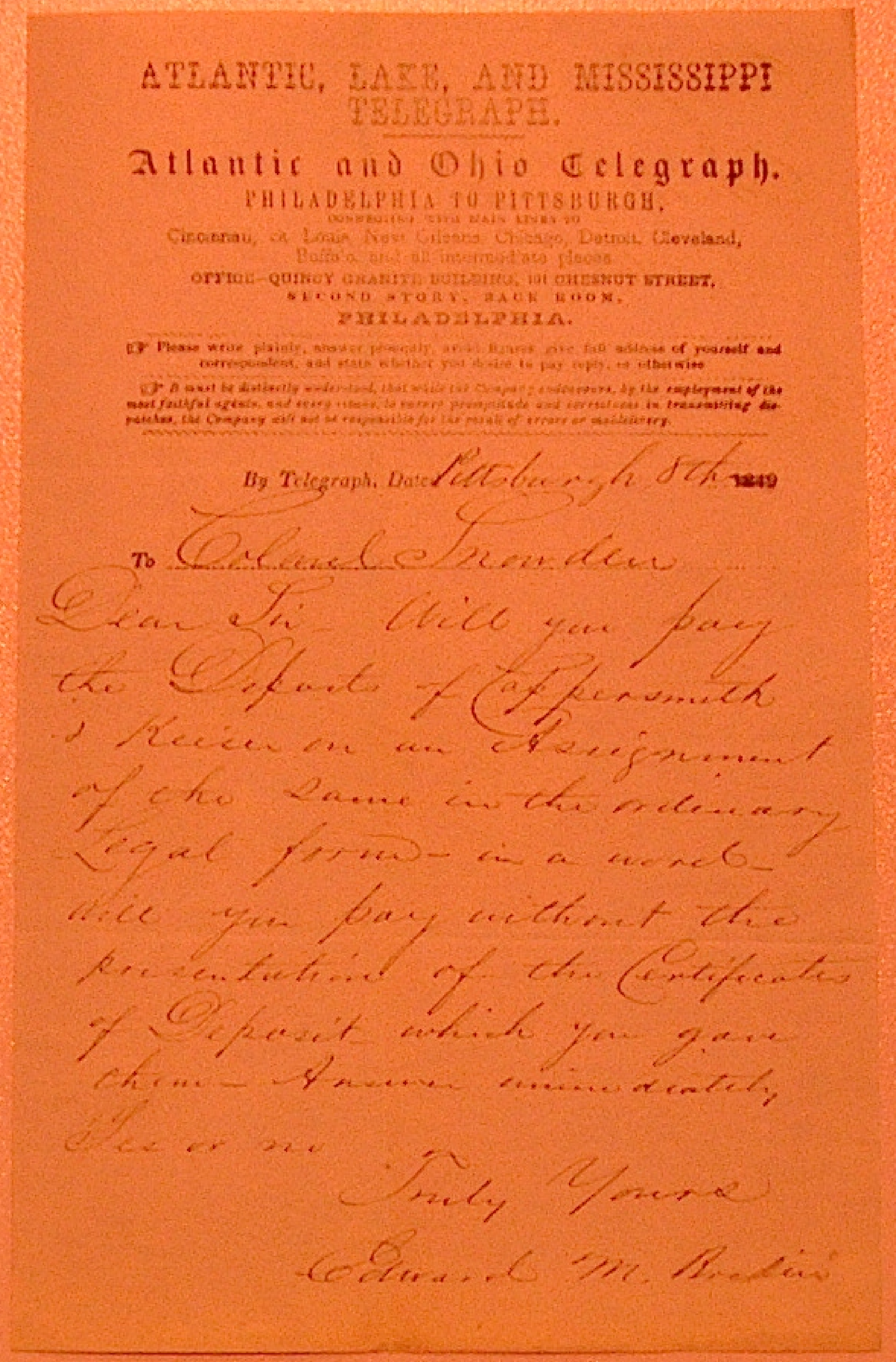
Mint of the United States,
Philada. Jany 8. 1850

Gentlemen

I have your letter of the 7th inst and have received pr. Messrs Adams & Co. the amount of Gold therein stated – the mint receipt for which I herewith enclose you as requested.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(signed) J. R. S.
Treasurer

Messrs Weeks, Kelly & Co
No. 43 Wall St. New York



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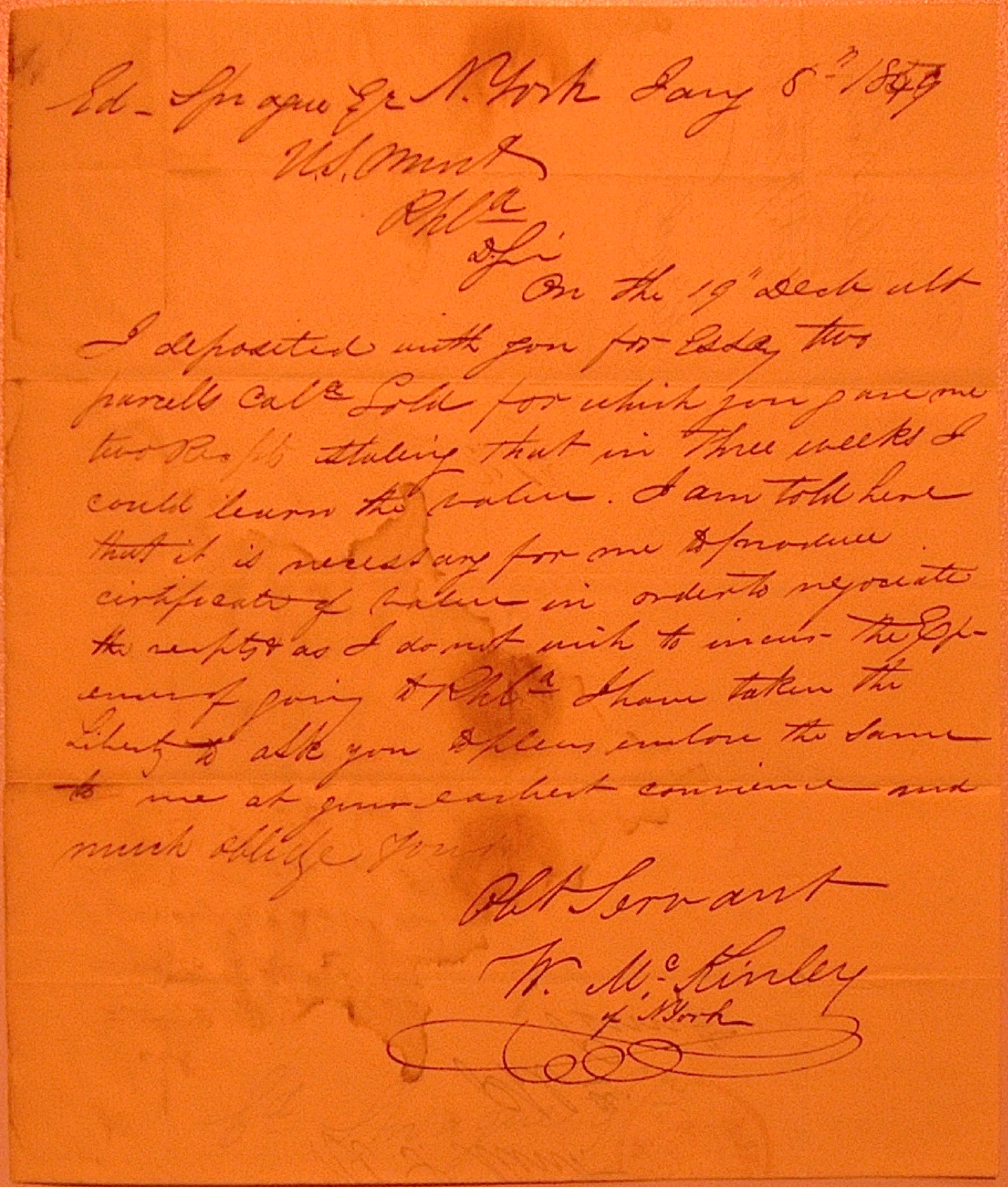
By Telegraph, Date Pittsburgh 8th 1849

To Colonel Snowden

Dear Sir Will you pay the Deposits of Coppersmith & Keiser on an Assignment of the same in the ordinary Legal form — in a word — will you pay without the presentation of the Certificates of Deposit which you gave them — Answer immediately Yes or no

Truly Yours

Edward M. Bredin

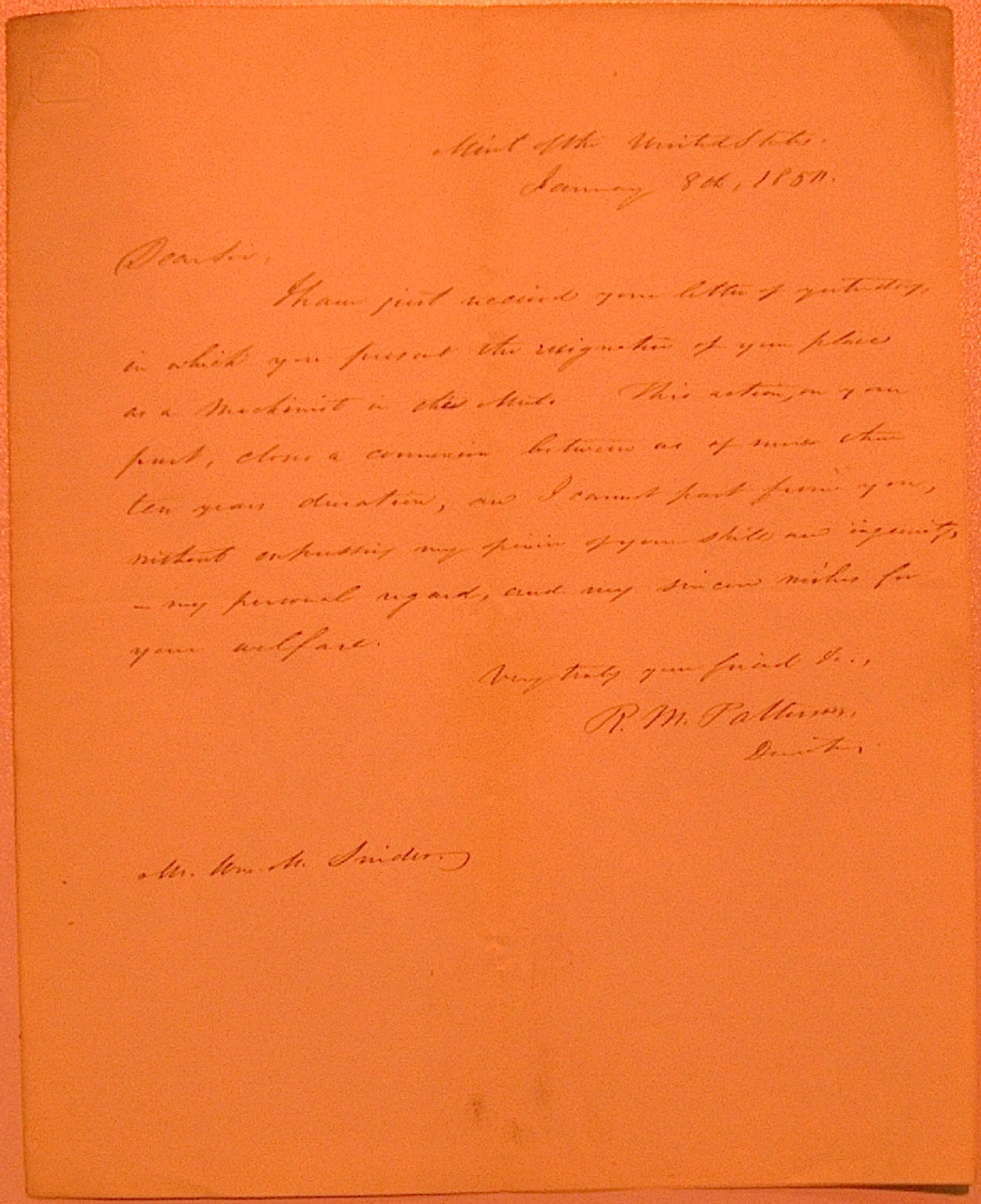


Ed. Sprague Esq. N. York Jany 8th 1849
U.S. Mint
Phila

Sir

On the 19th Decb ult I deposited with you for Eddy two parcells Cala Gold for which you gave me two Receipts stating that in Three weeks I could learn the value. I am told here that it is necessary for me to produce certificate of value in order to negociate the recepts & as I do not wish to incur the Expense of going to Phila I have taken the Liberty to ask you to please enclose the same to me at your earliest convenience and much oblige Yours

Obt Servant
W. McKinley
of N York



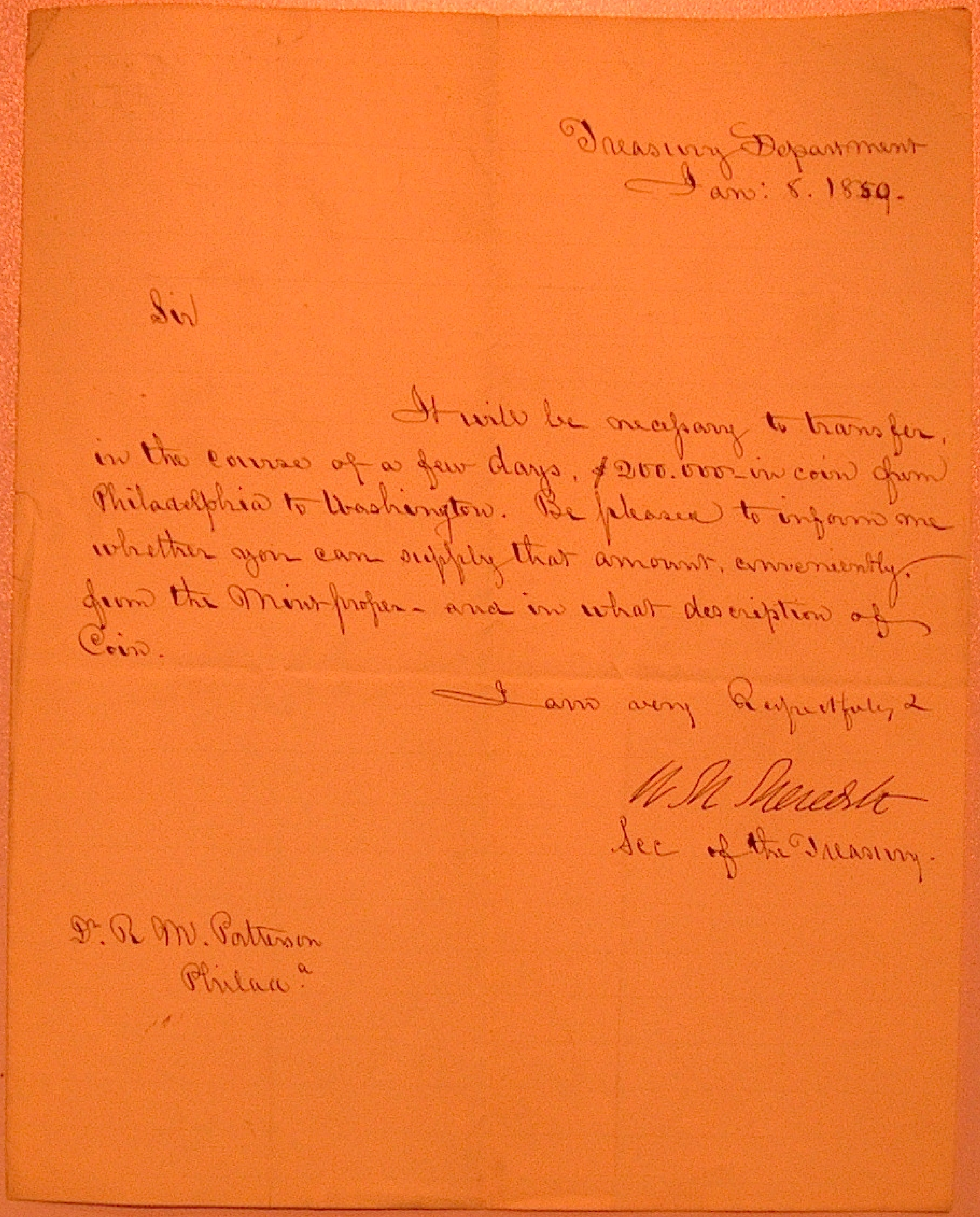
Mint of the United States.
January 8th, 1850.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of yesterday, in which you present the resignation of your place as a Machinist in this Mint. This action, on your part, closes a connexion between us of more than ten years duration, and I cannot part from you, without expressing my opinion of your skill and ingenuity, — my personal regard, and my sincere wishes for your welfare.

Very truly your friend &c.,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Mr. Wm. M. Snider



Treasury Department
Jan: 8. 1850.

Sir

It will be necessary to transfer, in the course of a few days, $200.000 in coin from Philadelphia to Washington. Be pleased to inform me whether you can supply that amount, conveniently, from the Mint proper - and in what description of Coin.

I am very Respectfully &c

W. M. Meredith
Sec of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philada.

New York Jany 9th 1850

Mr Robert Patterson

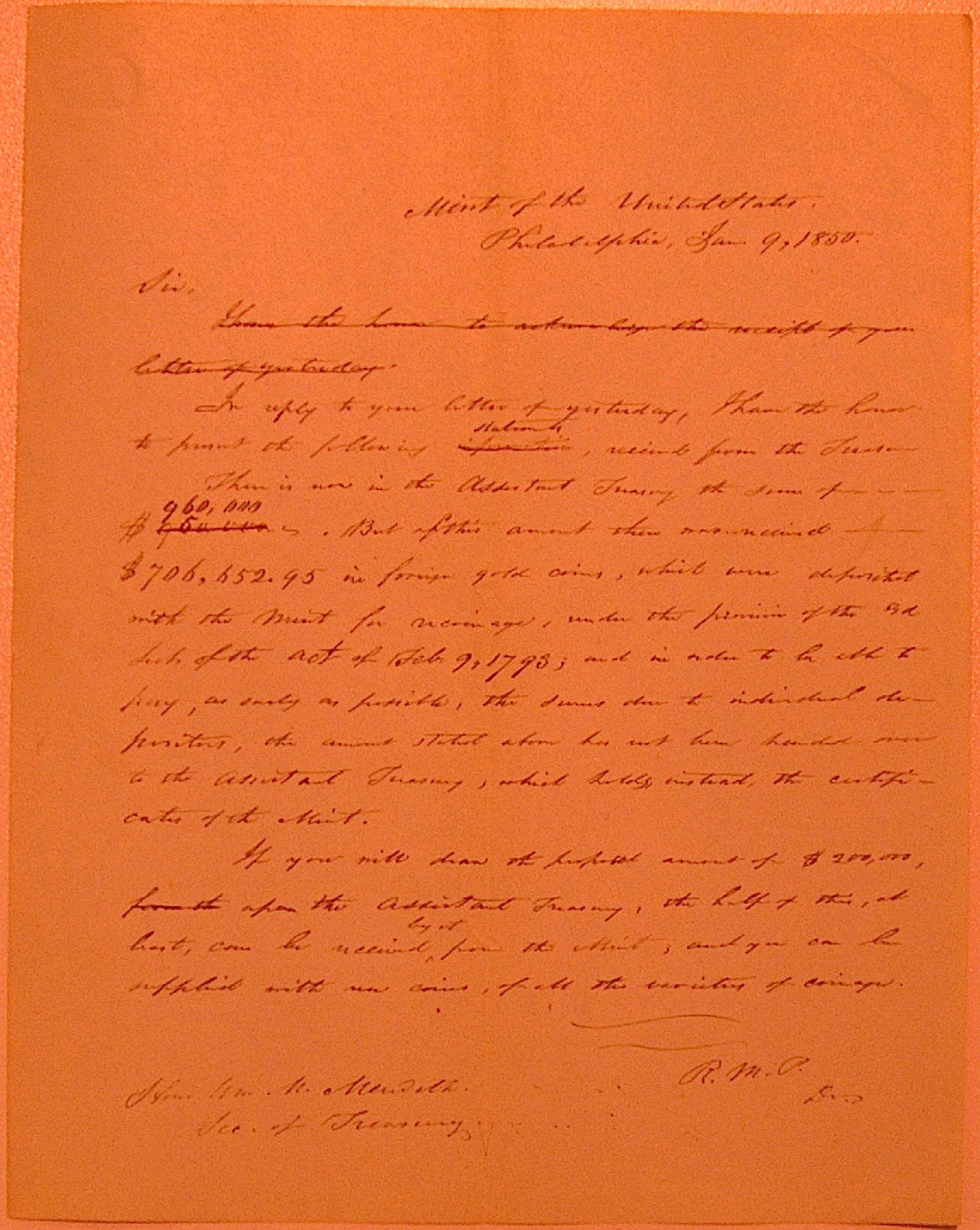
Sir will you Oblige me so mush as to sind me a report of certifficate no 2529 deposited Dic 29th 1849 by Adams &co for D P Webster of 331 $\frac{82}{100}$ Oz Will you also order it paid in double eaglis when the certifficate is presentid for payment and Oblige

Yours &c &c

D P Webster

No 7 Ann st
New York

Robt Patterson Esqr
U S Mint
Phila



Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 9, 1850.

Sir,

~~I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday.~~

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have the honor to present the following ~~figures~~ statements, received from the Treasurer.

There is now in the Assistant Treasury the sum of $ ~~950,000~~ 960,000. But of this amount there are included $706,652.95 in foreign gold coins, which were deposited with the Mint for recoinage, under the provision of the 3d sect. of the act of Feb. 9, 1793; and in order to be able to pay, as early as possible, the sums due to individual depositors, the amount stated above has not been handed over to the Assistant Treasury, which holds, instead, the certificates of the Mint.

If you will draw the proposed amount of $200,000, ~~from the~~ upon the Assistant Treasury, the half of this, at least, can be received by it from the Mint; and you can be supplied with new coins, of all the varieties of coinage.

R. M. P.
Dir.

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith.
Sec. of Treasury.

Office Bankers' Magazine
Boston 10 January 1850

Sir,

I am about to republish from the American Almanac, the table of Coinage of the U. S. Mint from 1792 to 1848, inclusive: and in order to include the items for the year 1849, I beg the favor of you to furnish for this purpose the following items in the course of the next 6 or 8 days.

Year 1849. for Mint and Branches.

Gold Coinage, value . . .	$	12,283,175	9,007,761.50
Silver " "	$	2,366,288	2,114,950.
Copper " "	$		41,984.32
Whole Coinage, No. of pieces		12,666,659	
" value	$		11,164,695.82

The almanac states the coinage from 1792 to 1848, inclusive to be as follows.

Gold, value	$ 76.341.440
Silver . "	" 73.466.574.90
Copper . . "	" 1.209.759.20
Whole Coinage, value	" 151.017.71$\overset{3}{4}$.$\overset{60}{10}$
No. of pieces	343.281.$\overset{7}{2}$50

It is stated that the new gold coin of $20 has appeared. If you can furnish me a correct description of it, for publication, I will feel much obliged.

Your Obd Servt

I. Smith Homans

Editor Bankers' Magazine

Boston.

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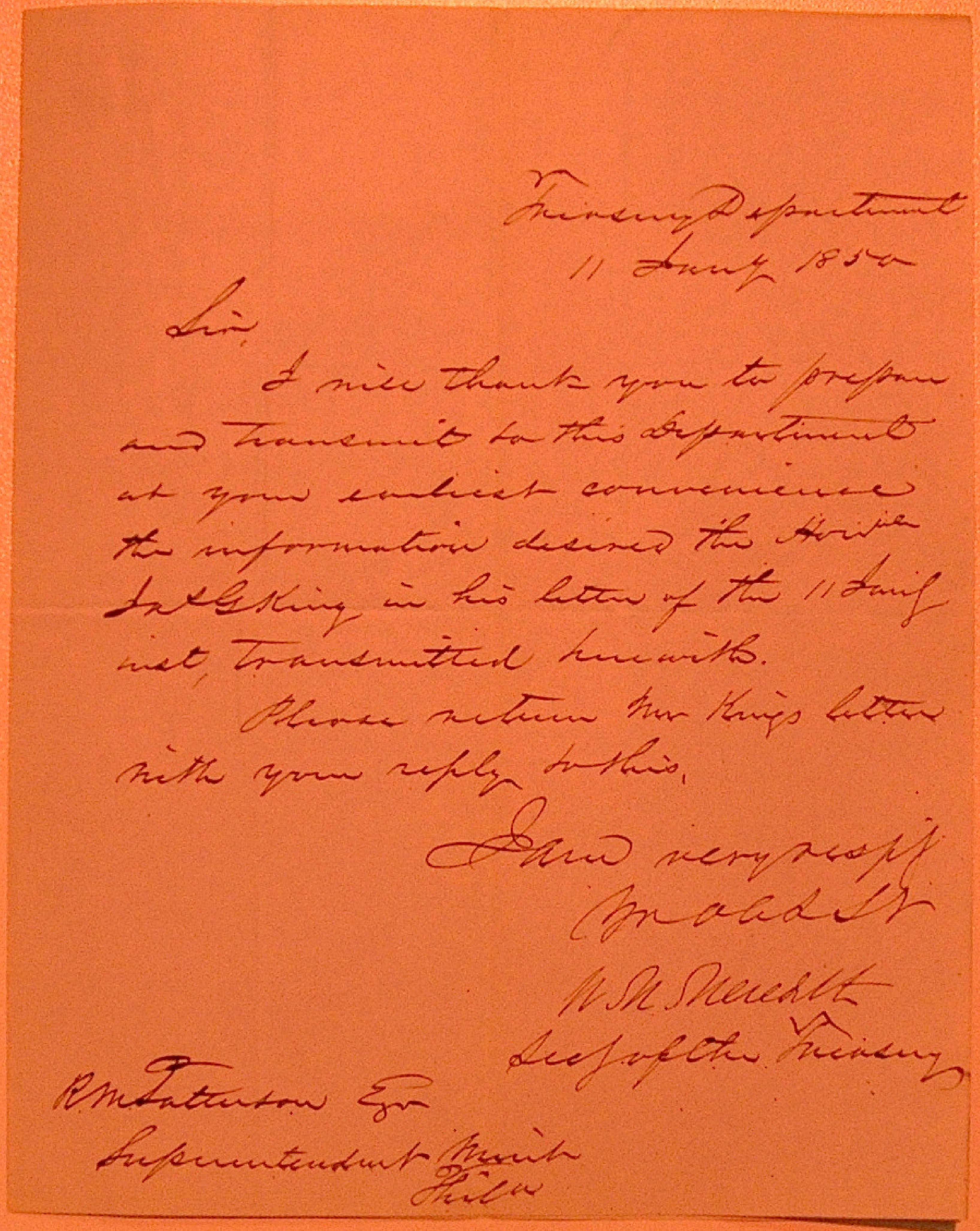
R. M. Patterson, Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philada



Treasury Department
11 Jany 1850

Sir,

I will thank you to prepare and transmit to this Department at your earliest convenience the information desired the Honble Jas G King in his letter of the 11 Jany inst, transmitted herewith.

Please return Mr Kings letter with your reply to this.

I am very respy
Yr obdt St

W M Meredith
Secy of the Treasury

R M Patterson Esqr
Superintendent Mint
Phila

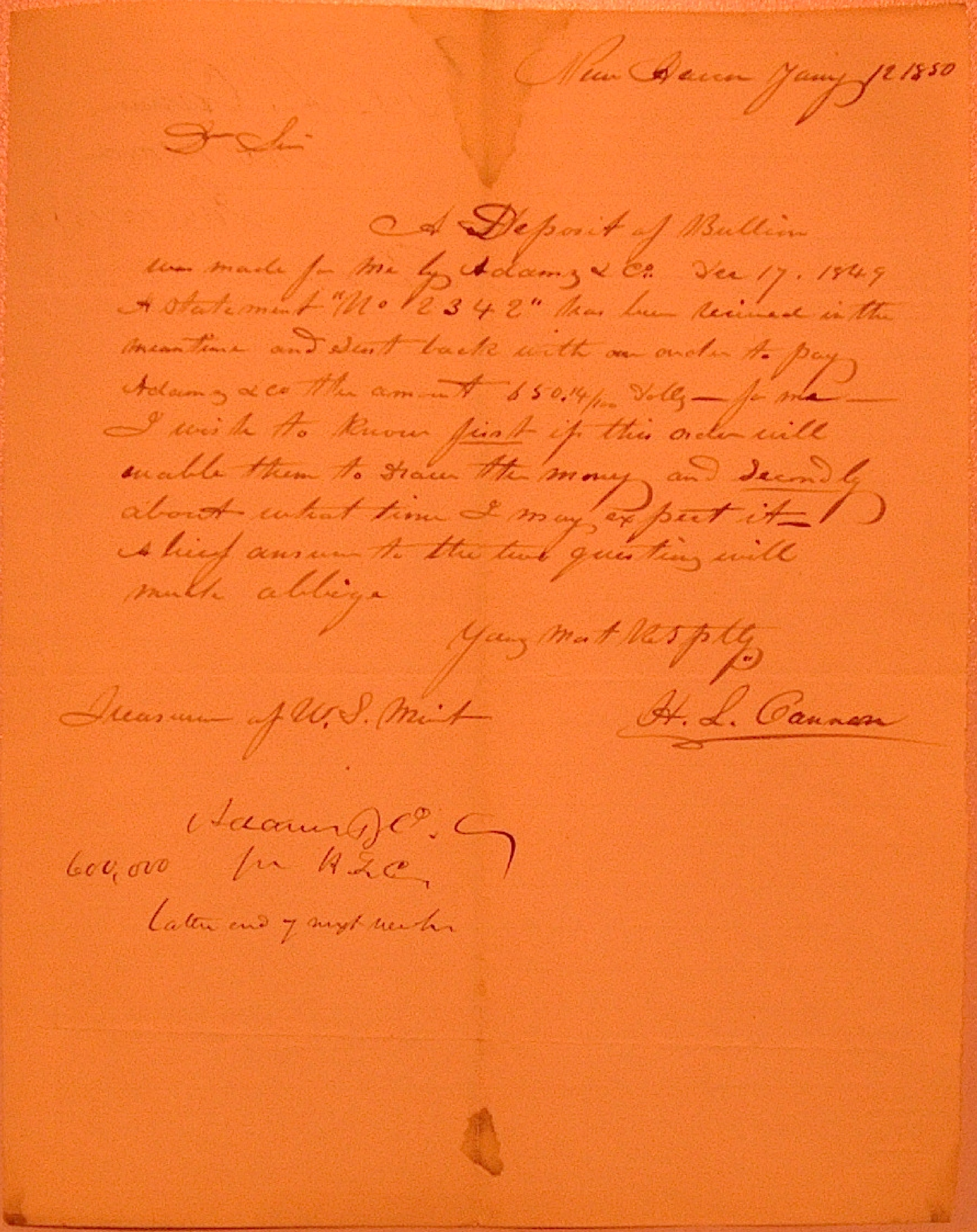
North Adams Mass.
Jany. 12. 1850 —

Edwd. Sprague Esq
Dr Sir —

When the Gold which I left with you is coined — I would ask the favor of you to deposit the amount at one of the Philadelphia Banks to my credit — and send me a certificate of Deposit by mail — By taking this course I can avoid the Expense of going to your city again —

I herewith inclose the Receipts in my favor No. 2434 & 2435 —

Very Respy.
Yours &c —
Saml. B. Kingsley



New Haven Jany 12 1850

Dr Sir

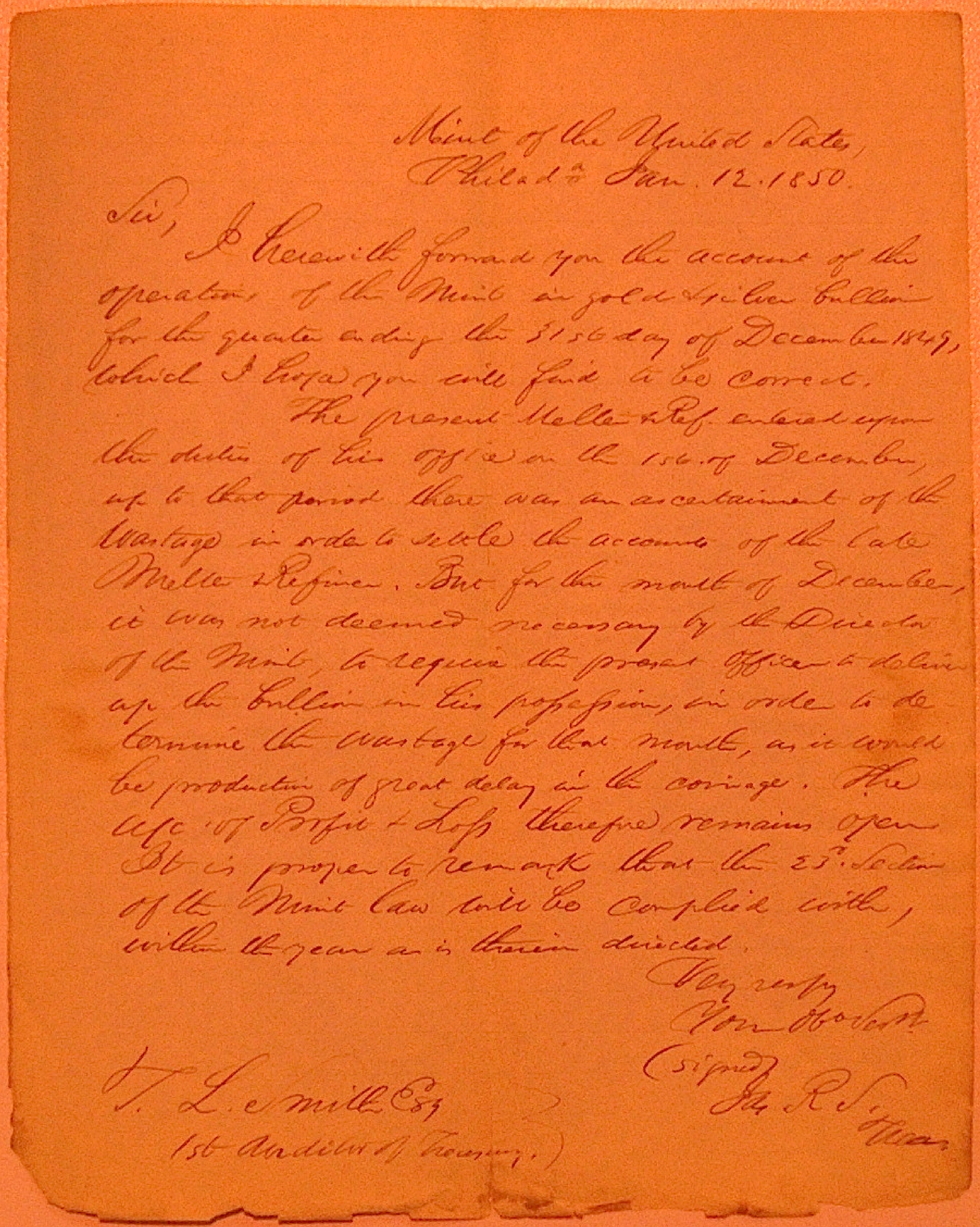
A Deposit of Bullion was made for me by Adams & Co. Dec 17. 1849 A statement "No 2342" has been received in the meantime and sent back with an order to pay Adams & Co the amount 650.14/100 Dolls — for me — I wish to know first if this order will enable them to draw the money and secondly about what time I may expect it — A brief answer to the two questions will much oblige

Yours most Respectfully

Treasurer of U. S. Mint

H. L. Cannon

Adams & Co.
600,000 for H.L.C.
latter end of next week



Mint of the United States,
Philada Jan. 12. 1850.

Sir,

I herewith forward you the account of the operations of the Mint in gold & silver bullion for the quarter ending the 31st day of December 1849, which I hope you will find to be correct.

The present Melter & Ref. entered upon the duties of his office on the 1st of December, up to that period there was an ascertainment of the wastage in order to settle the accounts of the late Melter & Refiner. But for the month of December, it was not deemed necessary by the Director of the Mint, to require the present Officer to deliver up the bullion in his possession, in order to determine the wastage for that month, as it would be productive of great delay in the coinage. The Acc. of Profit & Loss therefore remains open. It is proper to remark that the 25th Section of the Mint law will be complied with, within the year as is therein directed.

Very respy
Yor obt Servt
(signed)
Jas R. S
Treas.

T. L. Smith Esq
1st Auditor of Treasury.

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Jan 14, 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Treasurer United States Mint

D Sir

Enclosed you have by Adams & Co Express for coinage 237. ounces 5 1/2 Dwts California gold in bars & grains. Please forward receipt & assay by mail.

Resp Yours
Weeks Kelley & Co
By E Stephens

Please forward us by mail the assay of lot No 85. 135 [illegible]

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Jan^y 14 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Treasurer US Mint

D Sir

Accompanying this by Adams & Co express you have for coinage 264½ ounces California gold &c. Please forward receipt & assay by mail.

Resp Yours
Weeks Kelley & Co
By E Stephens

When will you coin $20. gold pieces.

Mint U.S. Phil. Jan. 14, 1850

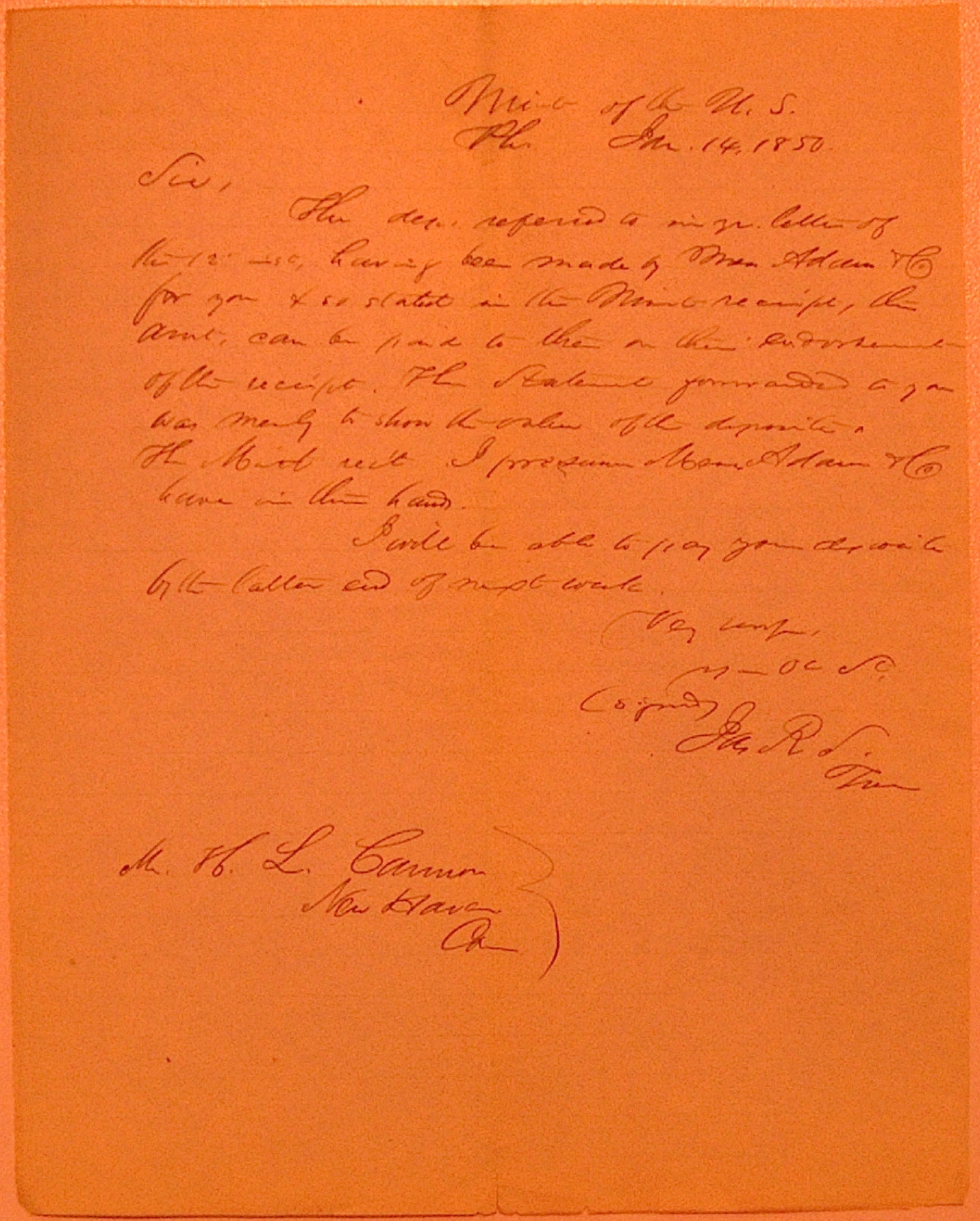
Sir,

I received your telegraphic despatch on Saturday, and answered it by stating that the amount deposited was 238 65/100 ounces, and that if the receipt was given for a less amount it was a mistake of the clerk who has charge of the Weigh Room and would be corrected on the presentation of the said receipt for payment. The amount is correctly stated on the margin from which the receipt was given (oz. 238 65/100)

I enclose to you the memo. of the value of your deposits, which I hope to be able to pay in the course of 3 or 4 weeks from the present time

J.R.S.
Tr

J.B. Congdon Esq.
Cash. Merchants Bank
New Bedford, Ms [illegible]



Mint of the U. S.
Phila. Jan. 14, 1850.

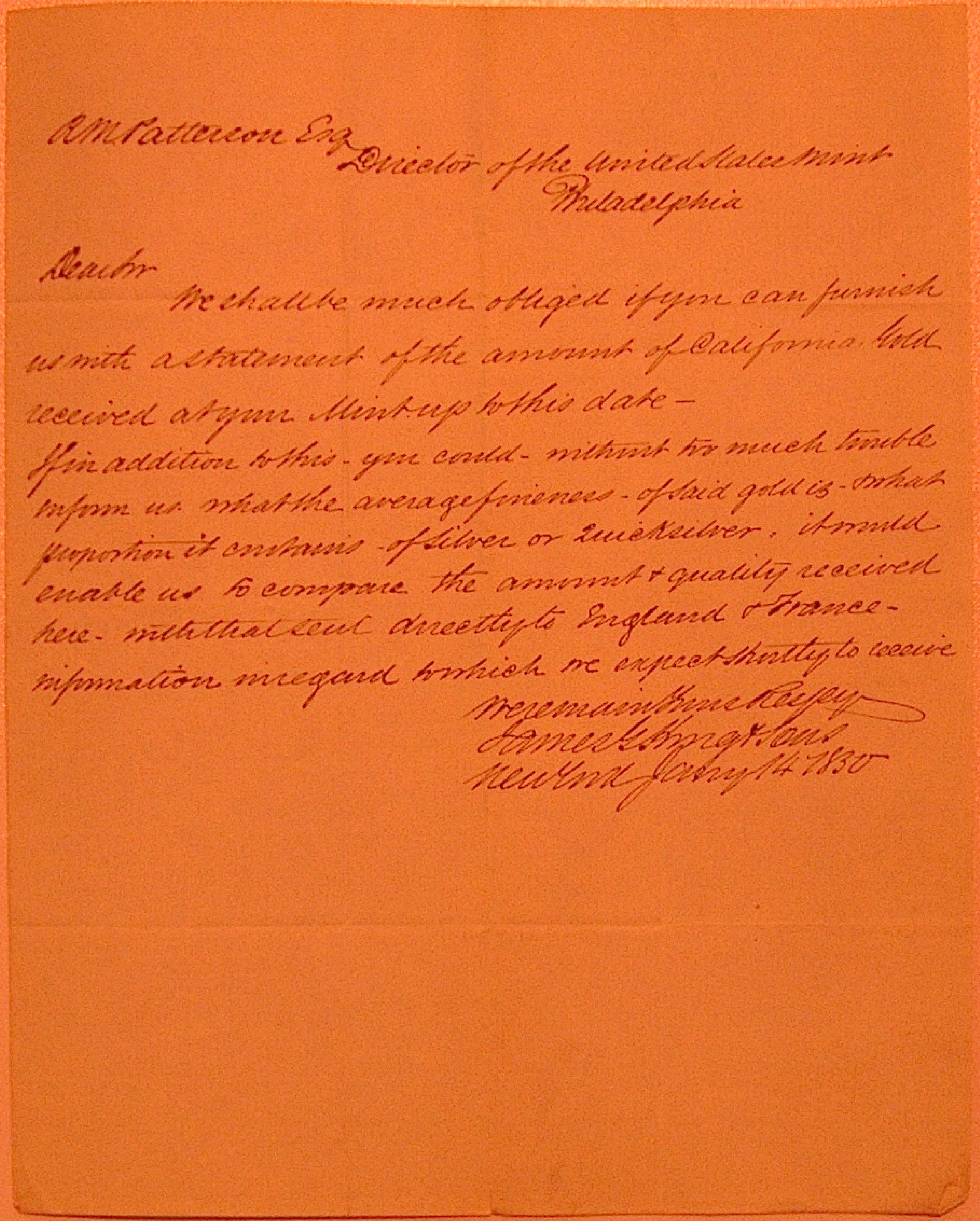
Sir,

The dep. referred to in yr. letter of the 12th inst, having been made by Messrs Adams & Co for you & so stated in the Mint receipt, the amt. can be paid to them on their endorsement of the receipt. The Statement forwarded to you was merely to show the value of the deposite. The Mint recpt I presume Messrs Adams & Co have in their hand.

I will be able to pay your deposite by the latter end of next week.

Very respy,
Yr. ob. St.
(signed) Jas. R. S.
Tr.

Mr. H. L. Cannon
New Haven
Con.



R M Patterson Esq
Director of the United States Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We shall be much obliged if you can furnish us with a statement of the amount of California Gold received at your Mint up to this date—

If in addition to this - you could - without too much trouble inform us what the average fineness - of said gold is - & what proportion it contains - of Silver or Quicksilver, it would enable us to compare the amount & quality received here - with that sent directly to England & France - information in regard to which we expect shortly to receive

We remain Your Respy
James G King & Sons
New York Jany 14 1850

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
Jany 14th 1850

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending 31st Dec. 1849

Respectfully
Your obt servt

T. L. Smith

To
James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer &c
Philadelphia

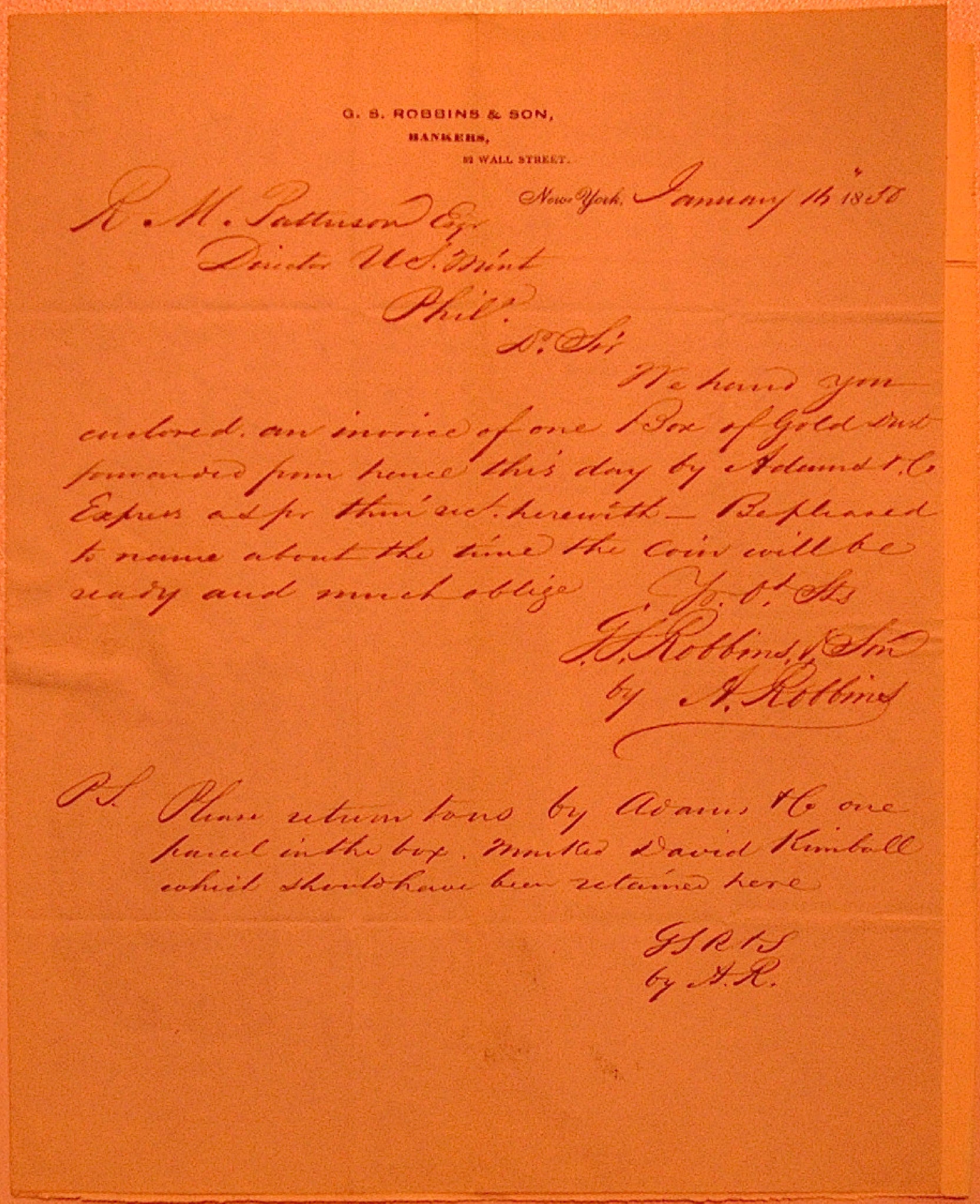
R M Patterson Esq N York Jany 15th 1850

Sir

Please inform us when you think it probable that we can get the proceeds of the Gold Dust sent to you about a month since say 19734 59/ Doll's

Your obt servt

J Atkinson



G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
[illegible] WALL STREET.

New-York, January 16th 1850

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director U.S. Mint
Phil^a.

D^r. Sir

We hand you enclosed an invoice of one Box of Gold Dust forwarded from hence this day by Adams & Co Express as per their rec^t. herewith — Be pleased to name about the time the coin will be ready and much oblige

Yo. Ob^t. Sts
G. S. Robbins & Son
by A. Robbins

P.S. Please return to us by Adams & Co one parcel in the box, marked David Kimball which should have been retained here

G S R & S
by A.R.

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Custom House Business attended to with great promptness in Boston, New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

New-York, Janr 14 1850

Received of G S Robbins & Son

One Box said to contain

$9987.83 Gold dust

Marked U.S. Mint

Phil

Pa

To be coined &

retd

Duplicate

to be forwarded as addressed, (loss by fire, water, breakage, leakage and perils of the seas excepted.)

For Adams & Co.

Baker, Stationer and Printer, cor. Wall and Water-sts.

Invoice of one Box containing Gold Dust sent to the United States Mint Philadelphia by G. S. Robbins & Son.

Newyork January 14th 1850

G. S. Robbins & Son

New York

No 1.

			oz. dwt. grs
1	parcel.	Jos. R. Taber.	50. 9. 20
1	"	Wm C Brownell	157. 15. 5.
1	"	Charles Durant.	62. 10. 0
1	"	Saml. Rodman.	23. 1. 11
1	"	E. Thornton Jr.	17. 18. 1
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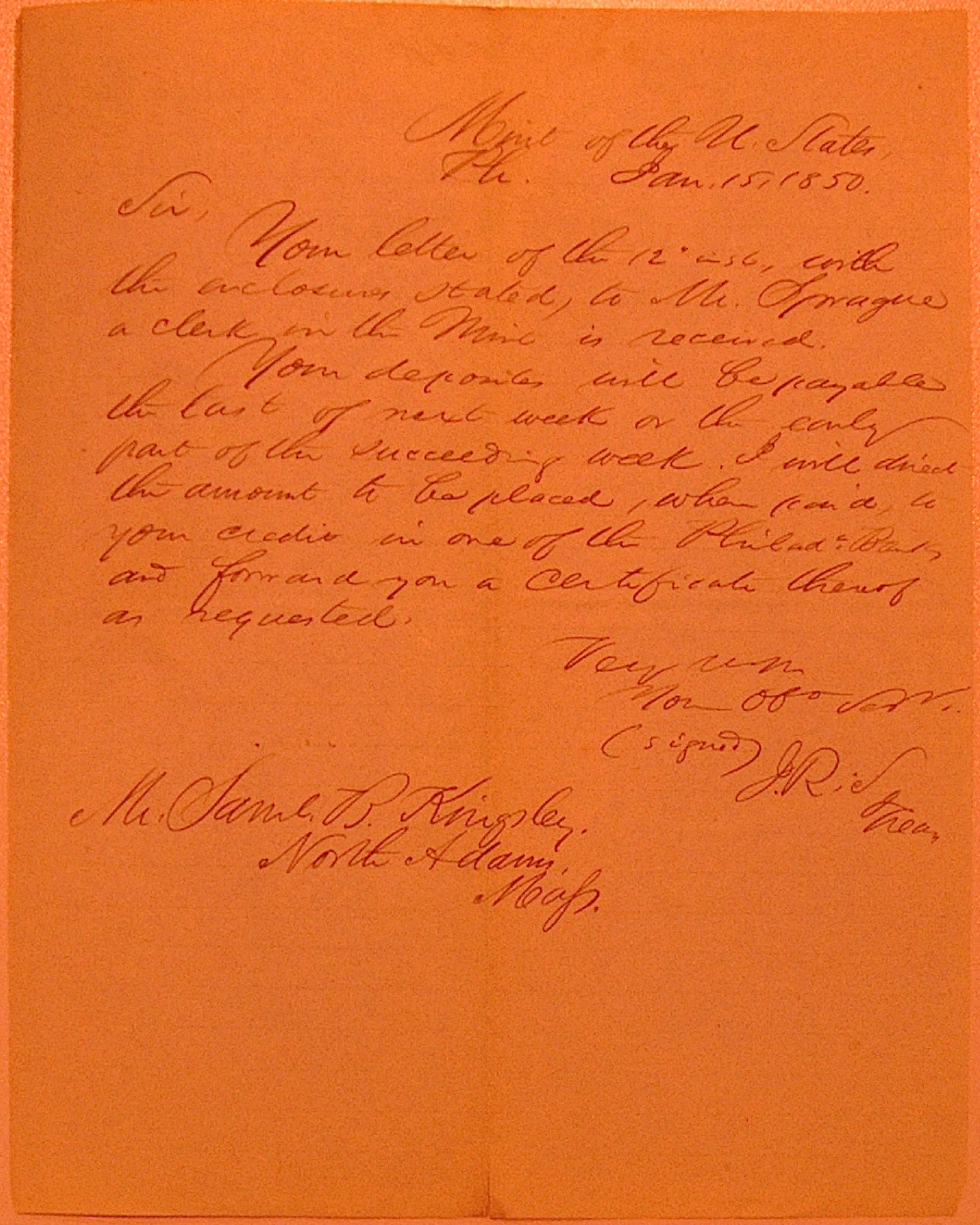
Newyork January 14th 1850

G. S. Robbins & Son

by A. Robbins



Mint of the U. States,
Phi. Jan. 15, 1850.

Sir,

Your letter of the 12th inst, with the enclosures stated, to Mr. Sprague a clerk in the Mint is received.

Your deposites will be payable the last of next week or the early part of the succeeding week. I will direct the amount to be placed, when paid, to your credit in one of the Philada. Banks and forward you a Certificate thereof as requested.

Very resp.
Your Obt. Servt.
(signed) J. R. S.
Treas.

Mr. Saml. B. Kingsley,
North Adams,
Mass.

Mint U.S. Phil.
Jan. 15, 1850.

~~Dr~~ Gentlemen,

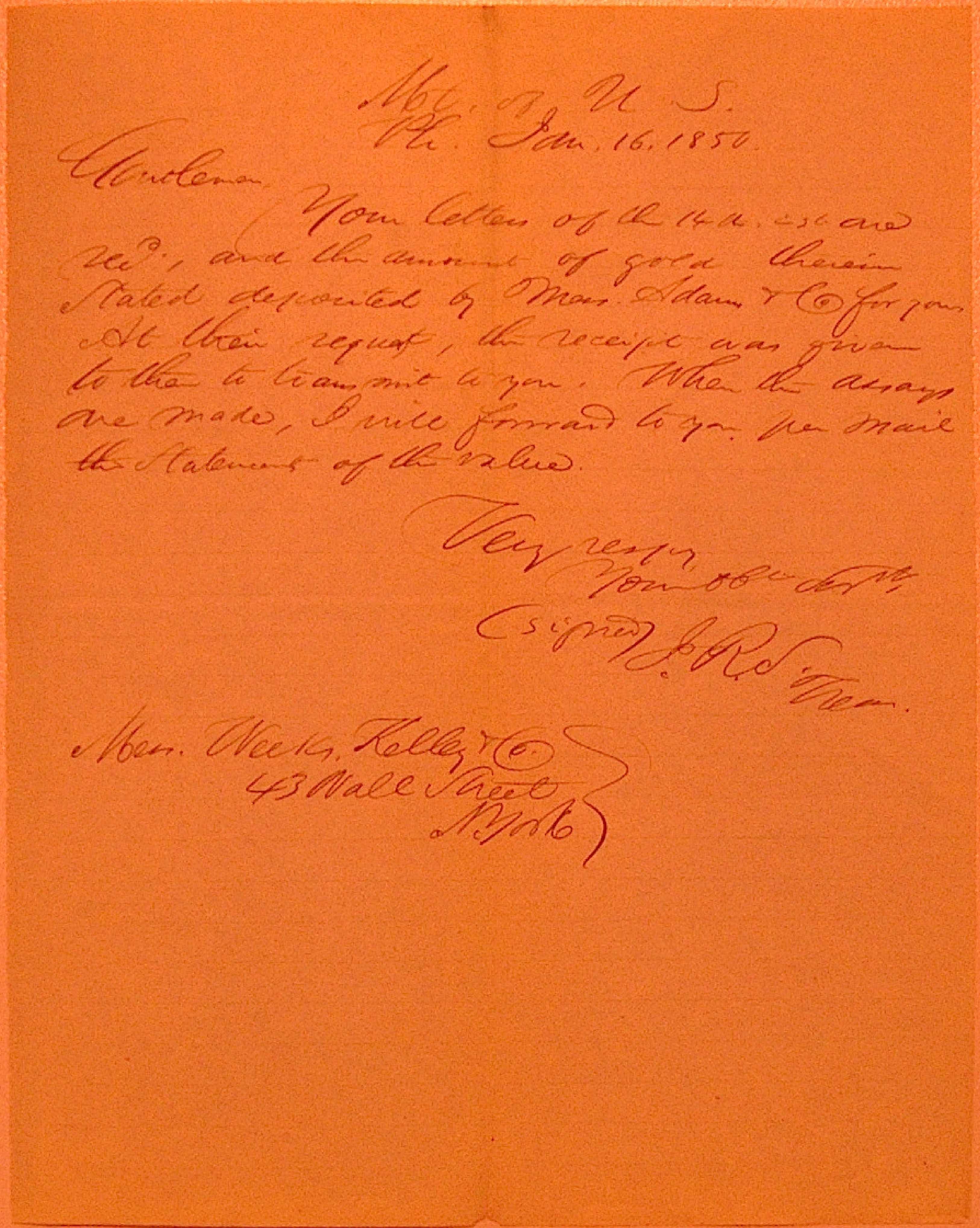
I am now engaged in getting up the elements of my annual report to the President, and I cannot yet give an exact answer to your first inquiry; but the amount of California Gold received at this Mint is ~~about~~ nearly six millions of dollars in value.

The average fineness of California Gold ~~is~~ may be estimated at 890 thousandths. The remainder is silver.

When you get the information you are in search of from England & France, we shall feel much obliged if you will communicate it to us.

R.M.P.

Jas. G. King & Sons.
New York.



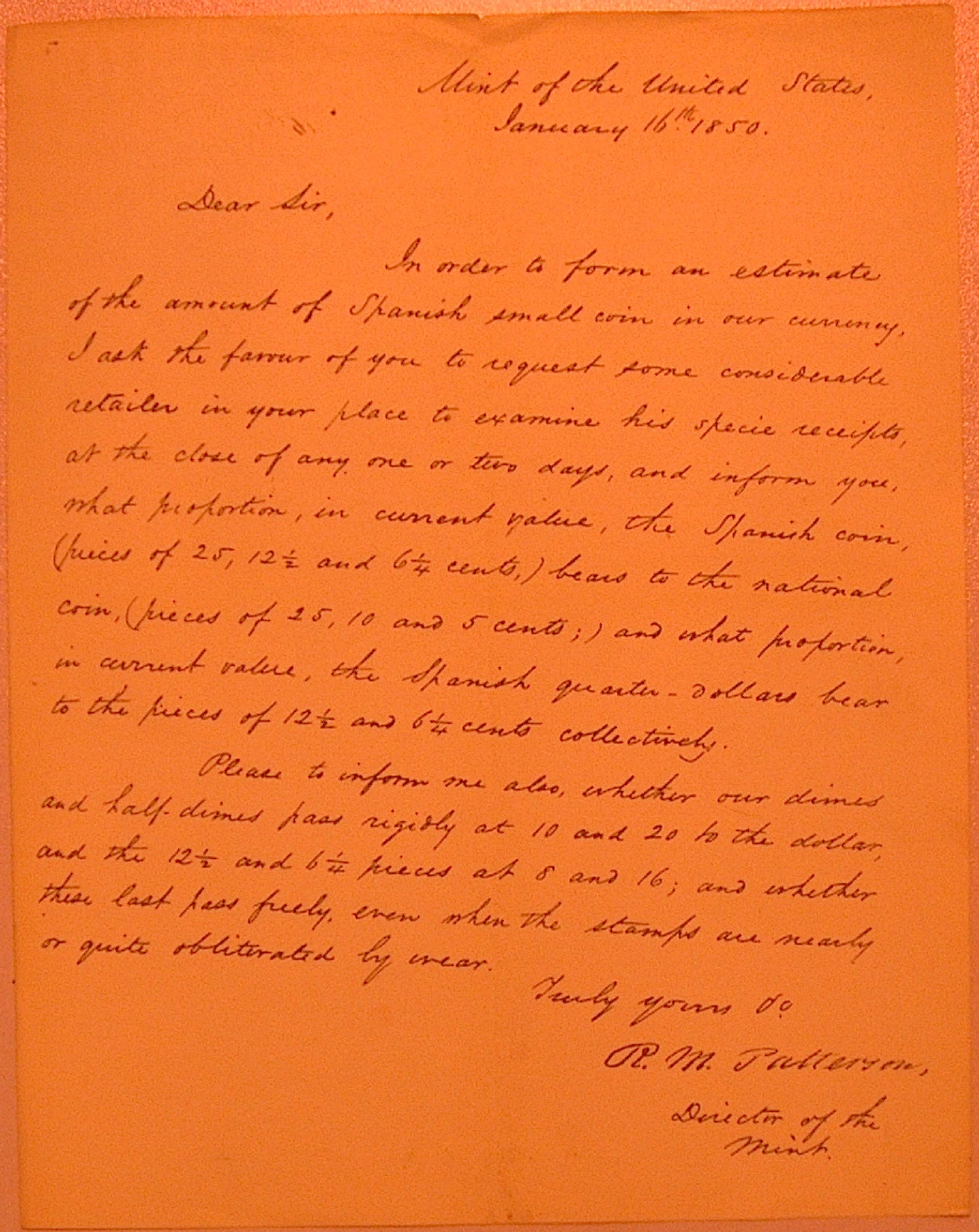
Mt. of U. S.
Phi. Jan. 16. 1850.

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 14th. inst are recd., and the amount of gold therein stated deposited by Mess. Adams & Co for you. At their request, the receipt was given to them to transmit to you. When the assays are made, I will forward to you per mail the statement of the value.

Very respy,
Your obt. Servt,
(signed) J. R. S. Treas.

Mess. Weeks, Kelley & Co.
43 Wall Street
N. York



Mint of the United States,
January 16th 1850.

Dear Sir,

In order to form an estimate of the amount of Spanish small coin in our currency, I ask the favour of you to request some considerable retailer in your place to examine his specie receipts, at the close of any one or two days, and inform you, what proportion, in current value, the Spanish coin, (pieces of 25, 12½ and 6¼ cents,) bears to the national coin, (pieces of 25, 10 and 5 cents;) and what proportion, in current value, the Spanish quarter-dollars bear to the pieces of 12½ and 6¼ cents collectively.

Please to inform me also, whether our dimes and half-dimes pass rigidly at 10 and 20 to the dollar, and the 12½ and 6¼ pieces at 8 and 16; and whether these last pass freely, even when the stamps are nearly or quite obliterated by wear.

Truly yours &c.

R. M. Patterson,

Director of the
Mint.

Mint of the United States
January 1850

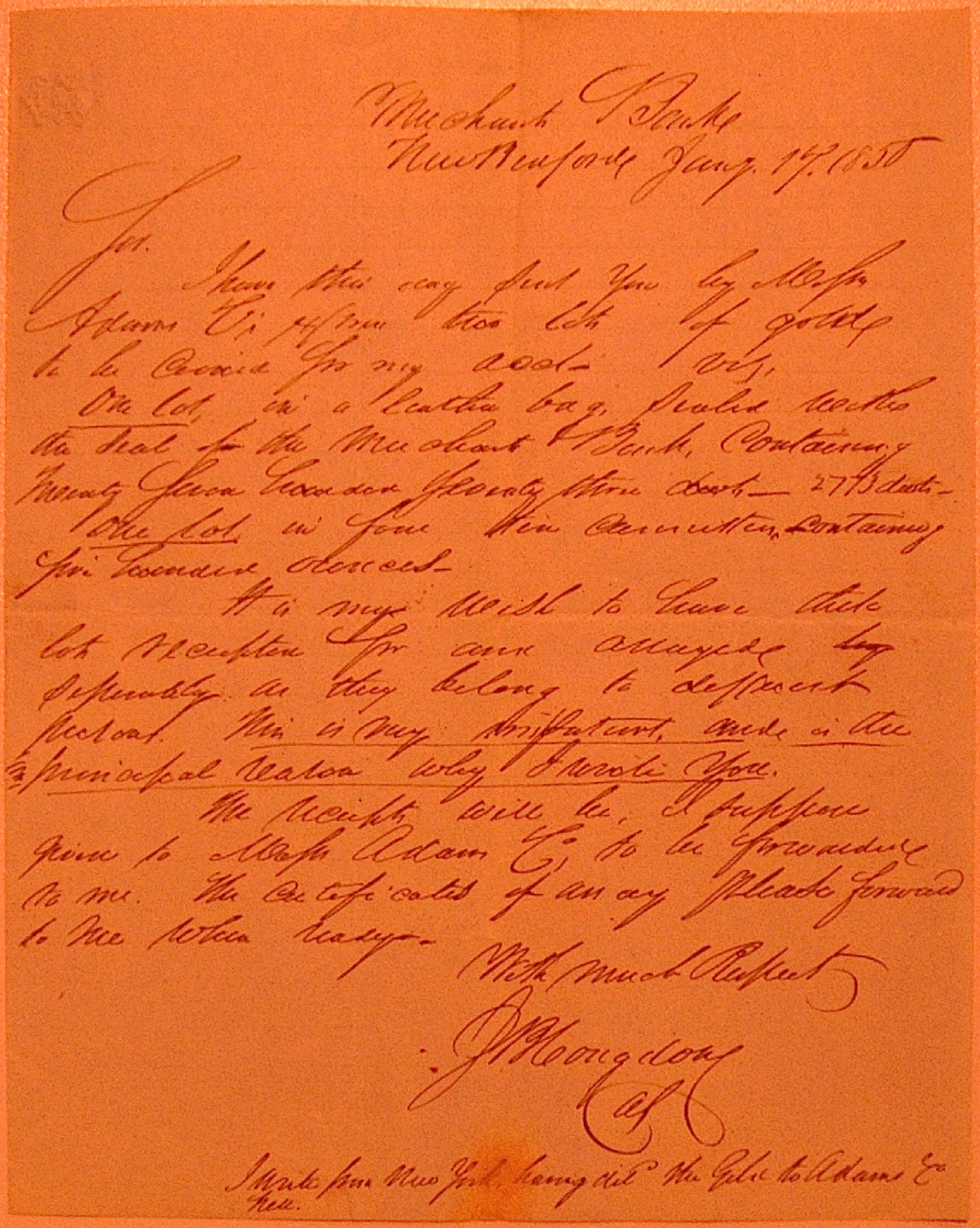
Dear Sir

I am endeavouring to form an estimate, by information from all sections of the Union, as to the extent to which the Spanish small coin ~~main~~obtains ~~its~~ circulation in the country. To this end, may I ask the favour of you to take a reckoning, in any one or two days, of ~~the specie~~ your receipts in small silver coin ~~25~~ (quarter-dollars and under) and inform me, first, what proportion of it is ~~in the~~ Spanish, and what proportion national ~~our own~~, and second, what proportion the Spanish quarter-dollars bear, in value, to the lesser Spanish pieces, the eighth and sixteenth.

I would like to know also, what is your average daily receipt in ~~cents~~ copper cents, if you have taken any notice of that matter.

Very respy

Mr. Townsend Sharpless.
Mr. Curwen Stoddart.
Philadelphia



Merchants Bank
New Bedford Jany. 17. 1850

Sir.

I have this day sent You by Messrs Adams & Co Express two lots of gold to be assayed for my acct. viz,

One lot, in a leather bag, sealed with the seal of the Merchants Bank, containing Twenty seven hundred Seventy three dwts — 2773 dwts.

One lot, in four tin cannisters, containing five hundred ounces —

It is my wish to have these lots receipted for and assayed separately as they belong to different persons. This is very important, and is the principal reason why I wrote You.

The receipts will be, I suppose given to Messrs Adams & Co to be forwarded to me. The certificates of assay please forward to me when ready —

With much Respect

J. Congdon
Cash

I write from New York, having del'd the Gold to Adams & Co here.

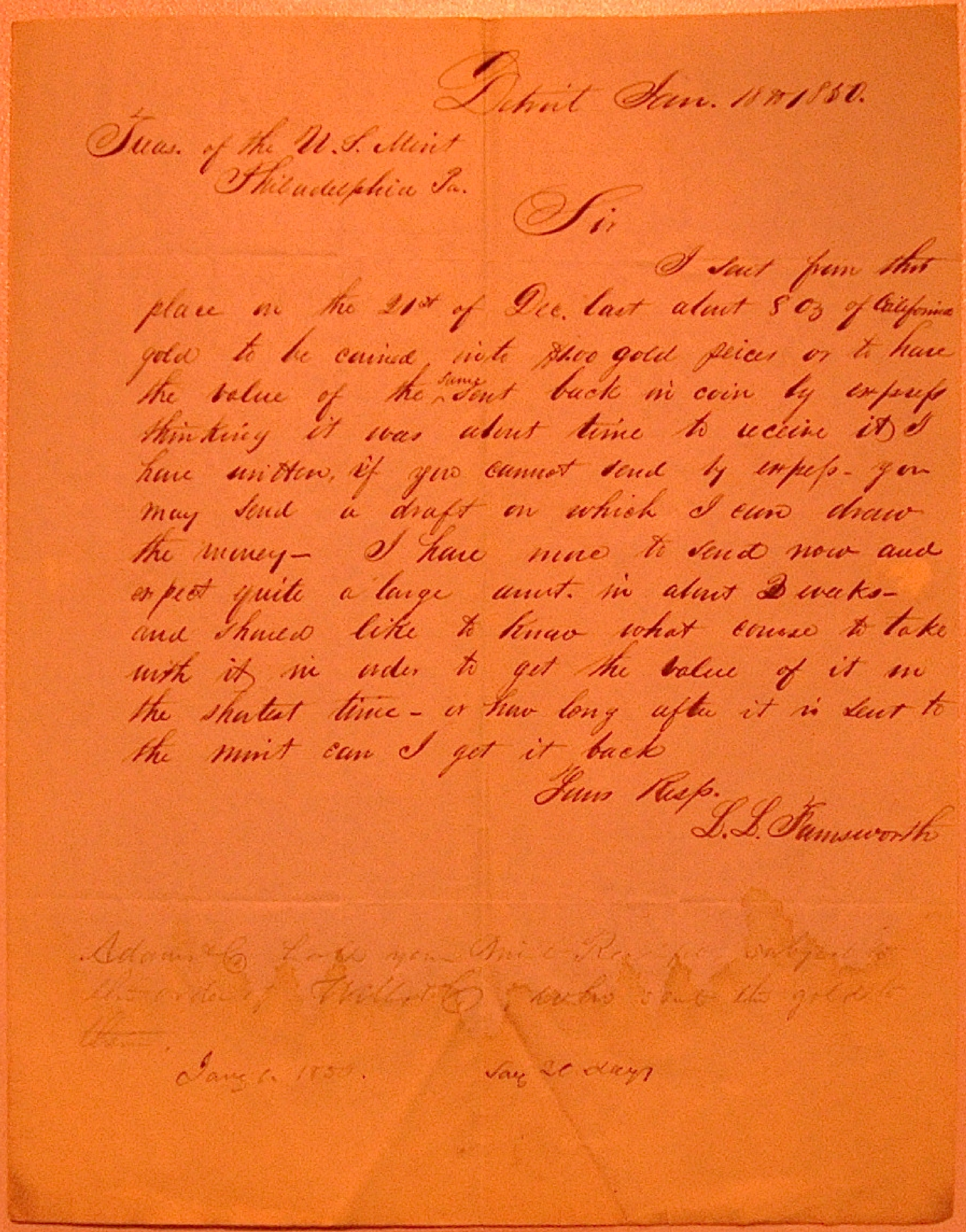
Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia,
Jan. 18, 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith, as requested, a copy of my report to the President of the operations of the Mint and its Branches for the past year.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To/ Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.



Detroit Jan. 18th 1850.

Treas. of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir

I sent from this place on the 21st of Dec. last about 8 Oz of California gold to be coined into $100 gold peices or to have the value of the same sent back in coin by express thinking it was about time to receive it I have written, if you cannot send by express you may send a draft on which I can draw the money— I have none to send now and expect quite a large amnt. in about 2 weeks— and should like to know what course to take with it in order to get the value of it in the shortest time— or how long after it is sent to the mint can I get it back

Yours Resp.
L. L. Farnsworth

Adams & Co have your Mint Receipt subject to the order of Wells & Co who sent the gold to them.

Jany 6. 1850. Say 20 days

Philad. Jan. 19. 1850.

Sir

In behalf of the Claimants I respectfully notify you that one hundred and forty nine ounces and seventy parts of an ounce of California Gold deposited in the United States Mint in this City in December last by Augustus F. Taylor in the name of Clarkson E Taylor of the City of New Brunswick New Jersey, is the property of the New Brunswick and California Mining and Trading Company, and of individuals members of the same, and that neither of the said parties the said Augustus F, and Clarkson E. Taylor has any property therein.

You are therefore notified not to deliver the said Gold or its product in coin or otherwise to either or both of the said Taylors the possession of the same having been illegally and fraudulently obtained

Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt.
James Page
Atty. for Claimants
101. Walnut St.

Dr. R. Patterson
Director U. S. M.

The subscribers, members of the New Brunswick & California Mining and Trading Company, claim in behalf of said company, 149 ounces and seventy parts of an ounce of Gold Dust, deposited in the United States Mint in Philadelphia in December last, by Augustus F. Taylor, in the name of Clarkson E. Taylor of the city of New Brunswick, N.J. the said gold being the property of the said company and of individual members of the same.

The said company was organized in the city of New Brunswick, N.J. in Jan. 1849, of which A. F. Taylor was President and Physician, and Jno W. Van Middlesworth Treasurer of the said company. The company sailed from New York, in bark Isabel, 7th February 1849, and arrived in California in the early part of August last. The said A. F. Taylor and Jno W. Van Middlesworth as aforesaid accompanied said Co. to California: the said A. F. T. contributed nothing on account of said company, but was to have one share of the proceeds for his services as Physician. The said Co. was to remain for two years as understood when leaving the port of N.Y. In about two months after the arrival of said Co. in California, the cargo of said vessel and Co. was disposed of, and the said Jno W. Van Middlesworth, the Treasurer of the said Co, and the said A. F. Taylor started about the middle of October last on their return to the State of N.J. They took passage at Sacramento City on board the schooner Samuel Roberts for San Francisco. When he embarked at Sacramento on board said schooner, the said Van Middlesworth had in his possession, as Treasurer of said Company, a considerable quantity of Gold in dust and coin, being proceeds of the said cargo and belonging to said Co., and which he was bringing with him to the State of N.J. After their embarcation as aforesaid, the said A. F. T. applied to one of the proprietors of said schooner, who was on board, for permission to deposit a valise, which he said contained the moneys of the said Jno W. Van M. the Treasurer of the said company, in the Captain's locker or closet, where the moneys of the said vessel were kept. The said valise was accordingly deposited in the Captain's locker or closet. After the said valise was so deposited, and while on their passage to San Francisco, the said Jno. W. Smith died very suddenly and unexpectedly. Soon after his decease, the said A. F. Taylor removed the said valise from the Captain's locker or closet, and took it into his possession. He was seen in the cabin of the said schooner with the valise open; he took out divers parcels or packets, containing gold in dust and coin, and emptied the said parcels, and threw their contents into one collection. He did this by himself, and without calling any witness to see him open the valise or examine its contents. It has also been ascertained that several persons members of said company, had intrusted the said Treasurer Jno. W. Smith with packages of gold to deliver to their families, and which packages are unaccounted for, and are believed to be included in the deposit made in the Mint aforesaid. He has never rendered, though frequently requested so to do, any satisfactory account of the contents of the said valise, or the amount of moneys in his possession belonging to the said company. The said Augustus F. Taylor having in this manner obtained possession of the moneys of the said Company, he brought them to the State of N. J. and has recently deposited them in the United States Mint in Philadelphia in the name of Clarkson E. Taylor his brother. Soon after the arrival of said Company in California the said Augustus F. Taylor was taken sick, and has continued unwell ever since, and earned little or nothing. He has expended he says, in returning home $700 & since his return to N. Jersey, has been paid by other members $500, which he lent them to get home, the greater part of which is the property of the company, as well as the amount deposited in the Mint as aforesaid. The monies thus deposited, the said company claiming to be the property of the said Company, and unless the withdrawal of the said monies from the said Mint can be prevented, they will be lost to the said company, as both the said Augustus F. Taylor, and the said Clarkson E. Taylor, are irresponsible and without property

State of New Jersey }
Middlesex County } ss.

Before me, the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the said County personally appeared — William Dunham — John Johnson — Harvey Wiley — and George Ackerman, who being by me duly sworn upon their oaths, respectively say, that the facts set forth in the foregoing statement are true to the best of their knowledge & belief —

Sworn and subscribed the
18th day of January 1850
before me
Peter P. Runyon
Justice of the Peace

Wm. Dunham
John Johnson
Harvey Wiley
Geo. Ackerman

Butler, 19th January, 1850.

Dear Sir:

Do you keep at the Mint a Register of the names of the persons who have gold in its natural State exchanged for coin. If so, did a German of the name of John Coppersmith, shortly after the last arrival of "The Empire City," not long before the 1st instant get any such exchange made there. or did he get any dust, or ore, worked into coin. J C is about 40 years of age, light, or brown, hair, somewhat bald, speaks bad English, is about 5 ft 9 inches high, and well built. Consider the same questions as put respecting another German who came at the same time in company with C. He is about 5 ft 11 inches high, 35 or 40 years old, dark hair & complexion, can speak but little English, name Jacob Kaiser

These men were sent to Butler are now here, one of them C is in jail, on a charge of defrauding the persons who sent him, and is to answer under oath on Thursday next, and I should like if possible to have a reply from you by that time. Mr Purviance, Mr Smith and my self are concerned for the persons who sent 6 & 16. and if any persons answering to the description of them were at the Mint about that time it will be of great importance to us.

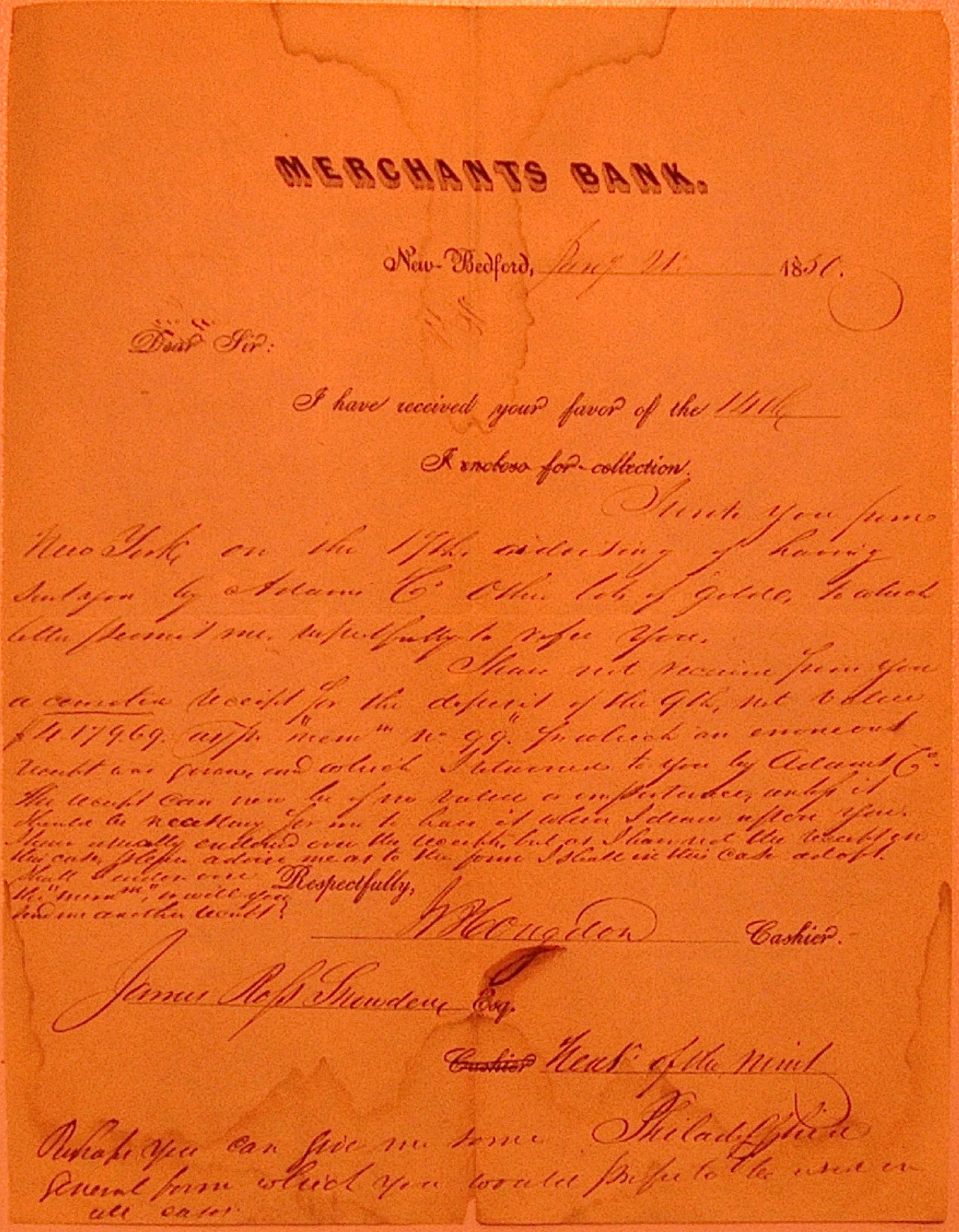
Let me hear from you without a moment of unnecessary delay; and excuse imperfections

Yours in great haste
Edward M. Biddle

Colonel Snowden

From
Edwd M. Biddle
Butler Pa
Jan 11, 1850

Recd 25.



MERCHANTS BANK.

New-Bedford, Jany 21 1850.

Dear Sir:

I have received your favor of the 14th

I enclose for collection.

Wrote you from New York on the 17th, advising of having sent you by Adams Co the lot of gold, to which letter permit me, respectfully to refer you.

I have not received from you a corrected receipt for the deposit of the 9th, ult. Gold $41796.69 as per "mem" No 99." for which an erroneous receipt was given, and which I returned to you by Adams Co. The receipt can now be of no value or importance, unless it should be necessary for me to have it when I draw upon you. I have usually endorsed over the receipt, but as I have not the receipt in this case, please advise me as to the form I shall in this case adopt. Shall I endorse over the "memm", or will you send me another receipt?

Respectfully,

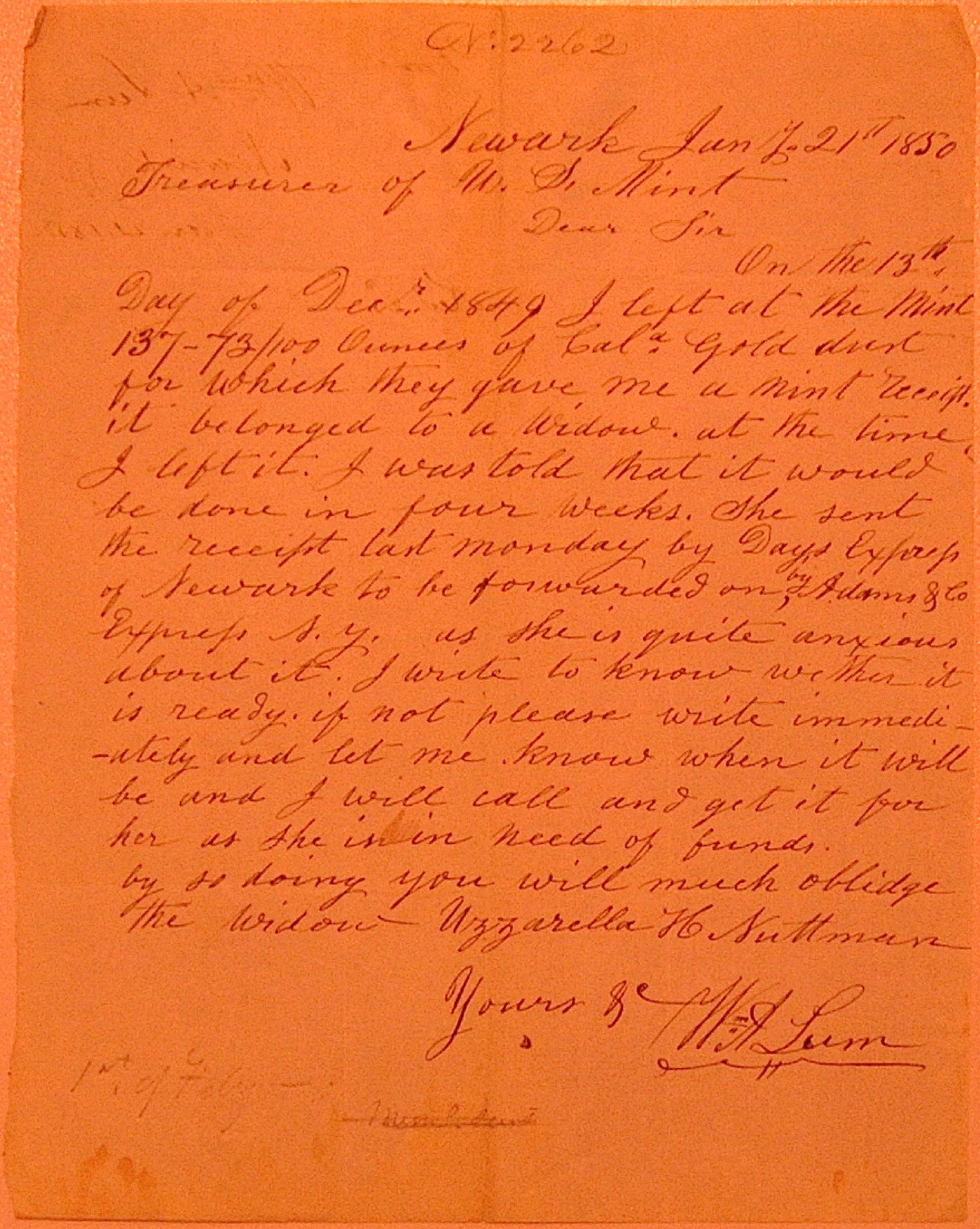
Congdon Cashier.

James Ross Snowden Esq.

~~Cashier~~ Treasr of the Mint

Philadelphia

Perhaps you can give me some general form which you would prefer to be used in all cases



N.o 2262

Newark Jany 21st 1850

Treasurer of U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

On the 13th Day of Dec.r 1849 I left at the Mint 137-73/100 Ounces of Cal.a Gold dust for Which they gave me a Mint receipt. it belonged to a Widow. at the time I left it. I was told that it would be done in four weeks. She sent the receipt last monday by Days Expreſs of Newark to be forwarded on by Adams & Co Expreſs N. Y. as she is quite anxious about it. I write to know wether it is ready. if not please write immedi-ately and let me know when it will be and I will call and get it for her as she is in need of funds. by so doing you will much oblidge The Widow Uzzarella H. Nuttman

Yours &c Wm. A. Lum

1st of Feby —

[illegible]

New York 11th mo 21. 1850

J. Ross Snowden
Treas. U. S. Mint }

Esteemed Friend

We hold thy receipt No. 2530 - in favour of C. J. Van Wyck for 85 97/100 ounces Gold and by him endorsed, together with the memo. showing it to have yielded $1521.57 -

The object of this is to enquire whether the coin is ready & if nay when it will be ready to meet the return of said paper?

Respectfully
Willets & Co

310 -
550.000 -
860,000

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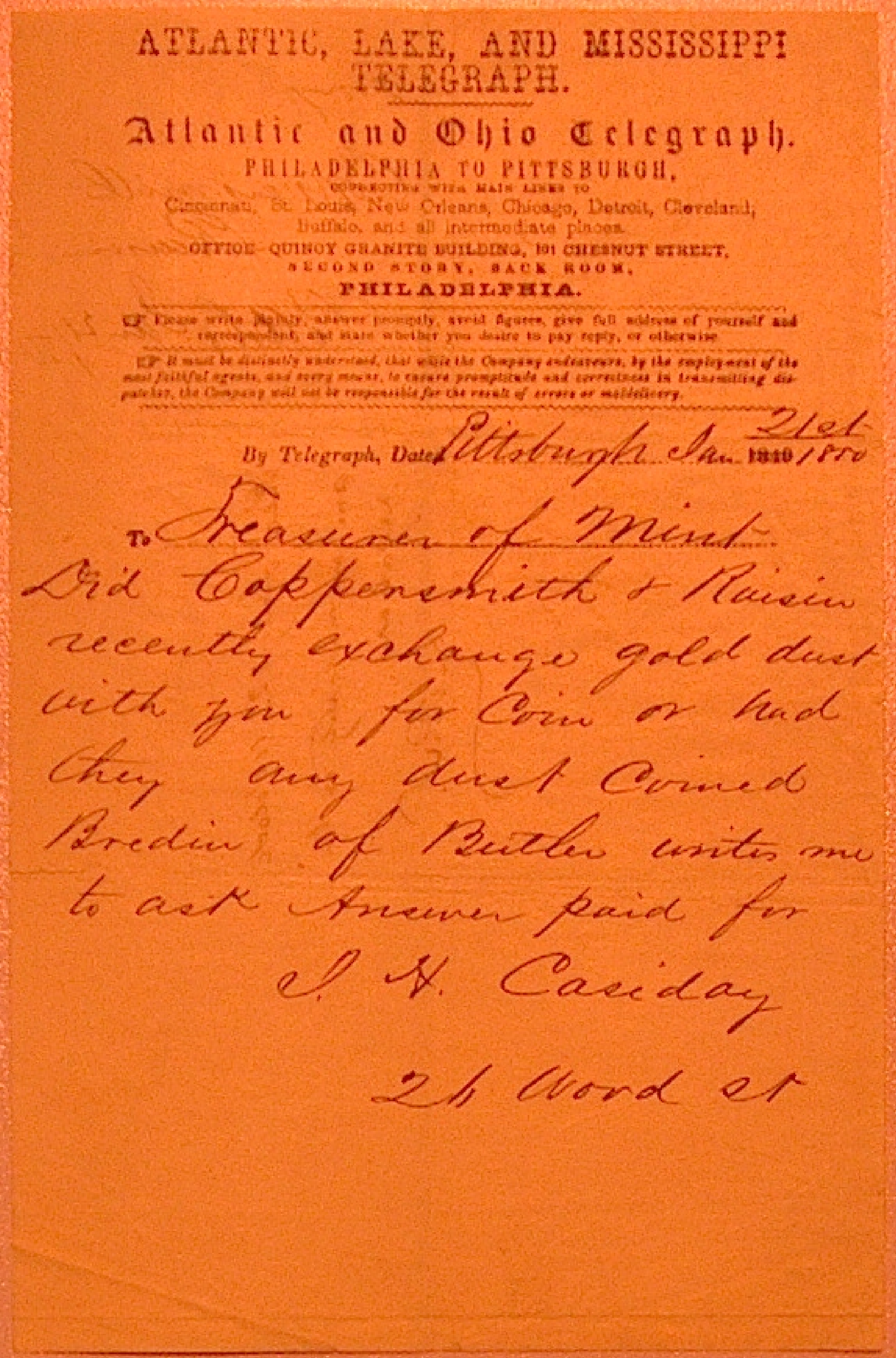

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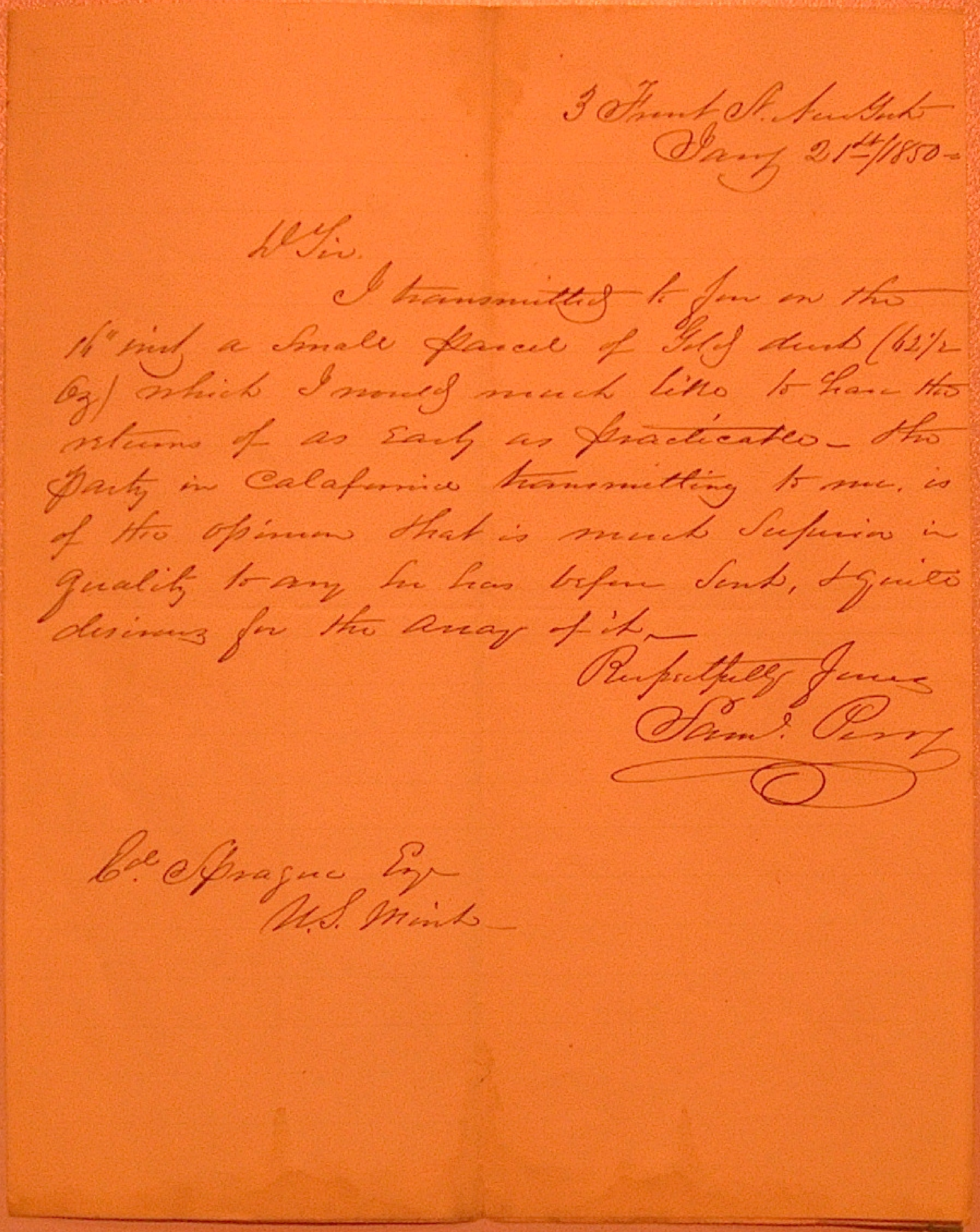
By Telegraph, Dated Pittsburgh Jan 21st 1850

To Treasurer of Mint

Did Coppersmith & Raisin recently exchange gold dust with you for Coin or had they any dust Coined Bredin of Butler writes me to ask Answer paid for

J. H. Casiday

24 Wood st



3 Front St. New York
Jany 21st/1850—

Dr Sir.

I transmitted to you on the 16th inst a Small Parcel of Gold dust (62 1/2 Oz) which I would much like to have the returns of as early as Practicable— the Party in Calafornia transmitting to me, is of the Opinion that is much Superior in quality to any he has before Sent, & quite desirous for the assay of it—

Respectfully Yours
Saml. Perry

Ed. Sprague Esq
U.S. Mint—

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Jany 22, 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor to ~~enclose~~ send you the enclosed papers, and to respectfully ask your instructions ~~whether it is~~ ~~[illegible] important to~~ whether ~~[illegible] the~~ the United States or myself as Treasurer of the Mint can be made a Garnishee, and withhold payment to the depositor or the person who may present the Certificate of deposite properly endorsed.

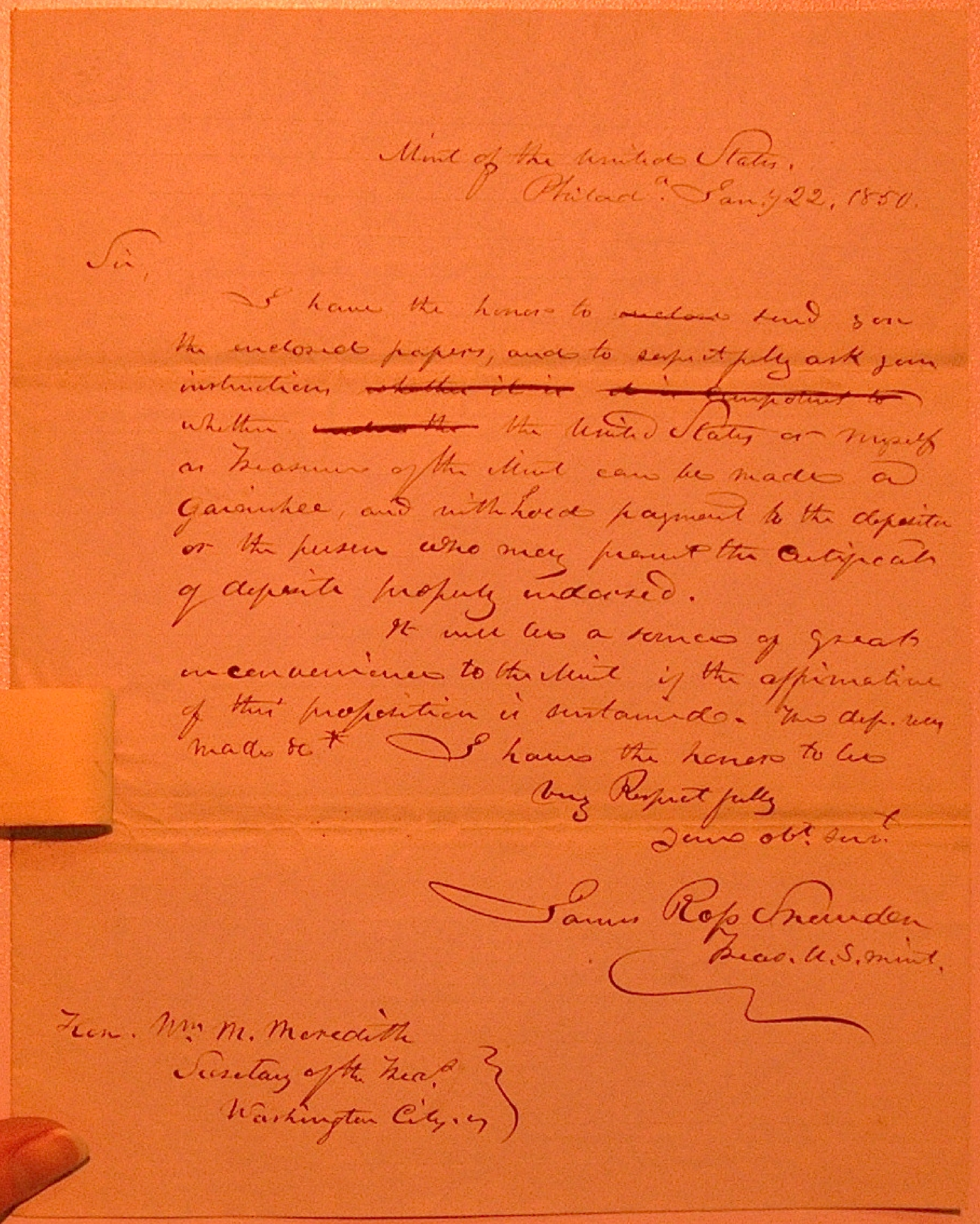
It will be a source of great inconvenience to the Mint if the affirmative

*1849 Bef. melt'g. Aft. melt'g
Dec. 15 No. 2317. Clarkson E. Taylor oz. 149.70 - 146.38

Your obt. Servt.

James Ross Snowden
Treas. U.S. Mint.

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith
Secretary of the Treas.y
Washington City.



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It will be a source of great inconvenience to the Mint if the affirmative of this proposition is sustained. No dep. may made &c.* I have the honor to be

very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

James Ross Snowden
Treas. U.S. Mint.

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith
Secretary of the Treas.
Washington City.

New York Jan 22 1850

Mr Sprange

Dear Sir. will you have the kindness to accertain what that gold I left with you amounts to I lefte it on Second of this month if you will do this and Send me word to 123 Chatham St or 7 leader St you will much obblige

Yours

Henry G. Leask

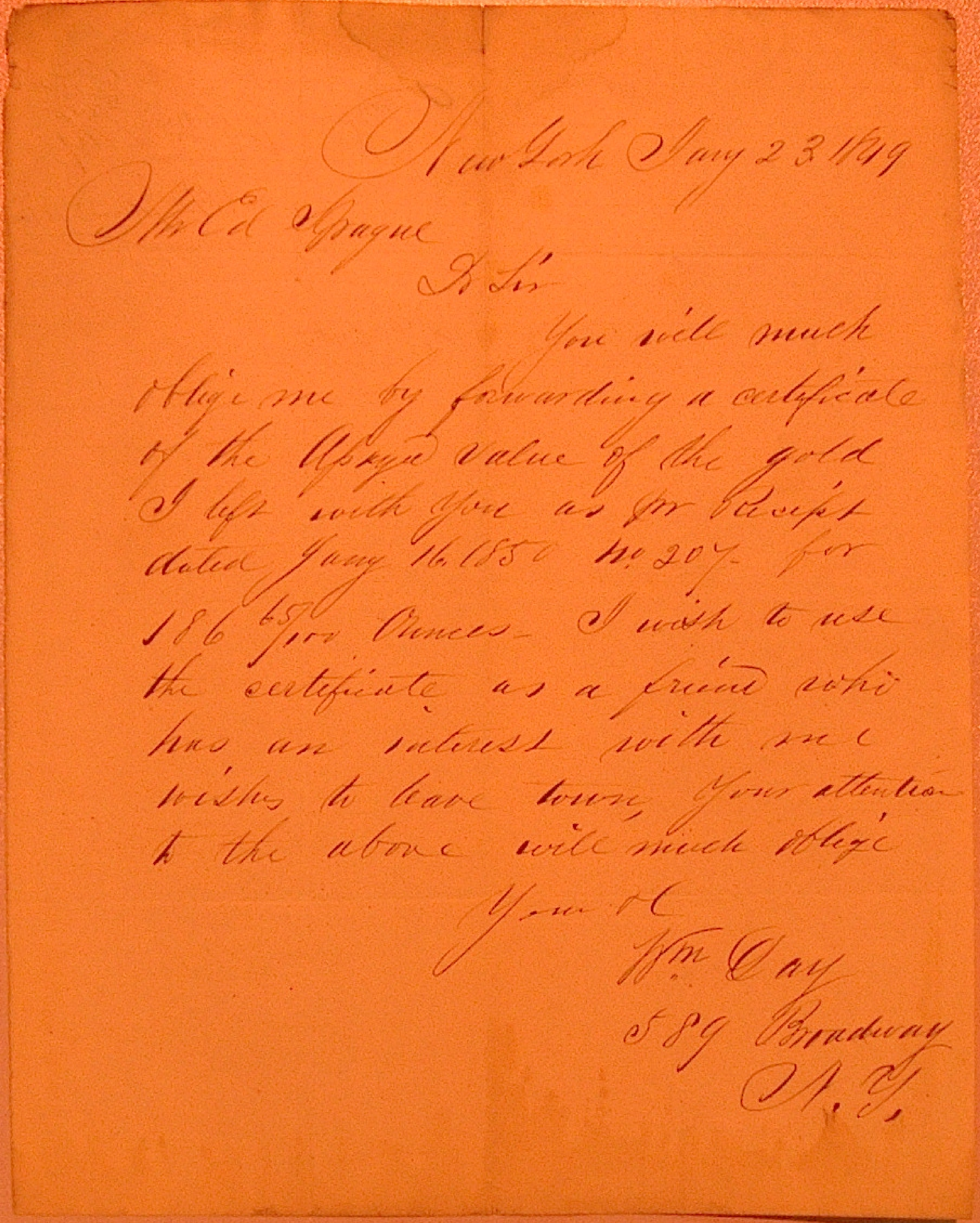
Lockport Jany 22^d 1850

To the
Director of U. S. Mint
at Phil^a Penn

On the 17th inst I received in a letter from my Brother Daniel Stark a receipt taken by him of Adams & Co at San Francisco for a Package containing Eighty Seven & ½ Ounces Gold Dust - and by the terms of said receipt the same was to be forwarded to New York and delivered to the Mint in Phil^a subject to the order of Joseph Stark Lockport N. Y.

I wish to be informed of the receipt of said package at the mint - the value of the same and how I can obtain gold coin for the same - If I can exchange the gold dust for coin - what length of time must I wait -
I intend to go to San Francisco as soon as I can receive the avails of the dust

Joseph Stark



New York Jany 23 1849

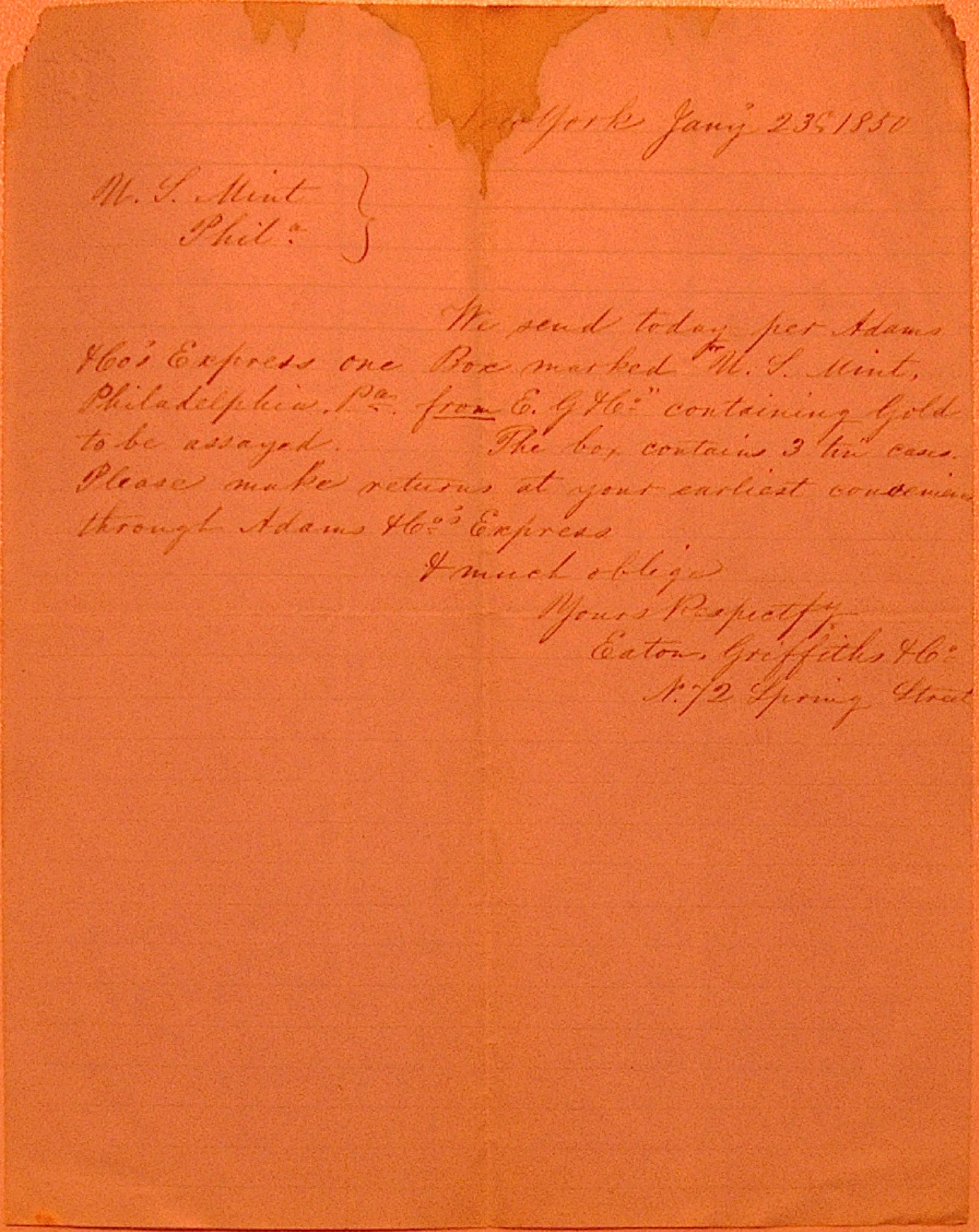
Mr Ed Sprague

D Sir

You will much oblige me by forwarding a certificate of the Assayd value of the gold I left with you as pr Receipt dated Jany 16 1850 No 207 for 186 65/00 Ounces. I wish to use the certificate as a friend who has an interest with me wishes to leave town. Your attention to the above will much oblige

Yours &c

Wm Day
589 Broadway
N. Y.



New York Jany 23d 1850

U. S. Mint
Phila }

We send today per Adams & Co's Express one Box marked "U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. from E. G & Co." containing Gold to be assayed. The box contains 3 tin cases. Please make returns at your earliest convenien through Adams & Co's Express

& much oblige

Yours Respectfy
Eaton, Griffiths & Co.
No 72 Spring Street

Mint of the United States
Phil^a. Jan^y 23. 1850

Dear Sir,

I have this moment received your letter of the 19.th inst.

I received yesterday a telegraphic dispatch from M^r. Casiday of Pittsburgh on the same subject he inquired "did Coppersmith & Raisin recently exchange gold dust with you for Coin" &c To this I replied that no such persons had had transactions with the mint. But by your letter I find that the names were erroneously stated.

Since your letter has reached me I have caused an examination to be made and find that deposits were made of California gold for Coinage by

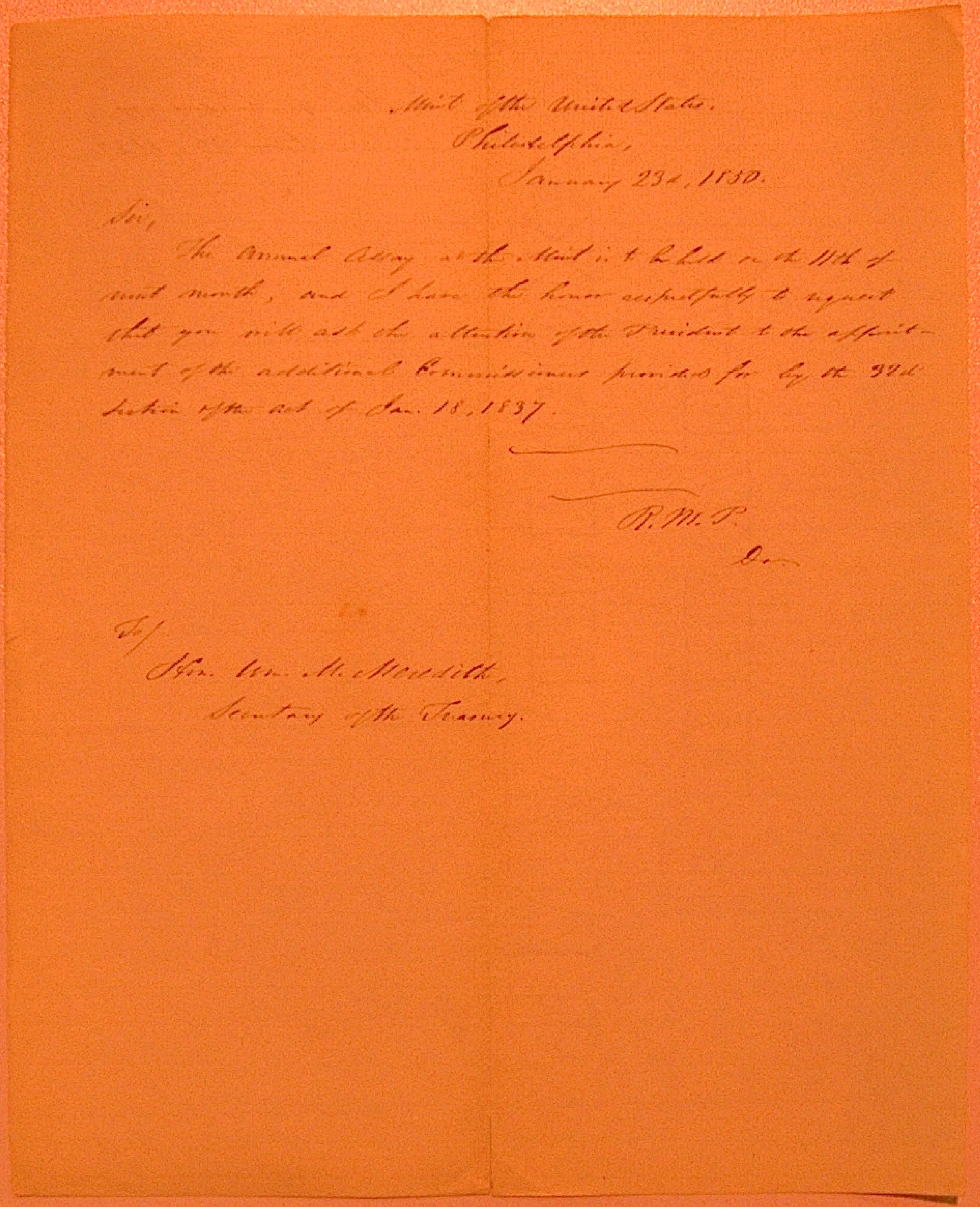
Jacob Kiesa, Dec^r. 26. 1849. value $ ~~4,882.46~~ 1455.33
John Coppersmith " " " $ 1,327.01

For these deposits they received a Certificate to be paid to each of them or order when the gold is coined. The amount has not been paid. It is proper to remark that the above names have been given up, and if the Certificates of deposits, were up'd the parties holding them can claim and secure the amount due thereon. Supposing it to be important for you to receive this information as rapidly as possible, I have sent a telegraphic despatch to Mr. Cassiday of Pittsburgh, stating the substance of the foregoing in a few words.

I am very Respectfully
Yours &c.

James Ross Snowden
Dir. U.S. Mint.

Edward M. Bredin Esq.
Butler
Pa.



Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia,
January 23d, 1850.

Sir,

The Annual Assay at the Mint is to be held on the 11th of next month, and I have the honor respectfully to request that you will ask the attention of the President to the appointment of the additional Commissioners provided for by the 32d section of the act of Jan. 18, 1837.

R. M. P.
Dr

To/
Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

(Private)

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 23, 1850.

Dear Sir,

I send herewith an official letter to ask that the President will appoint, for the approaching Annual Assay, the Commissioners whom he is authorized to designate, in addition to the Commissioners ex officio, — namely the District Judge, the District Attorney, and the Collector of the Port.

I hope I may be excused for following the practice, heretofore observed by the Director of the Mint, of respectfully suggesting to the President, through the Secretary of the Treasury, the names of individuals deemed proper to be selected for the occasion. I accordingly offer the following to his consideration.

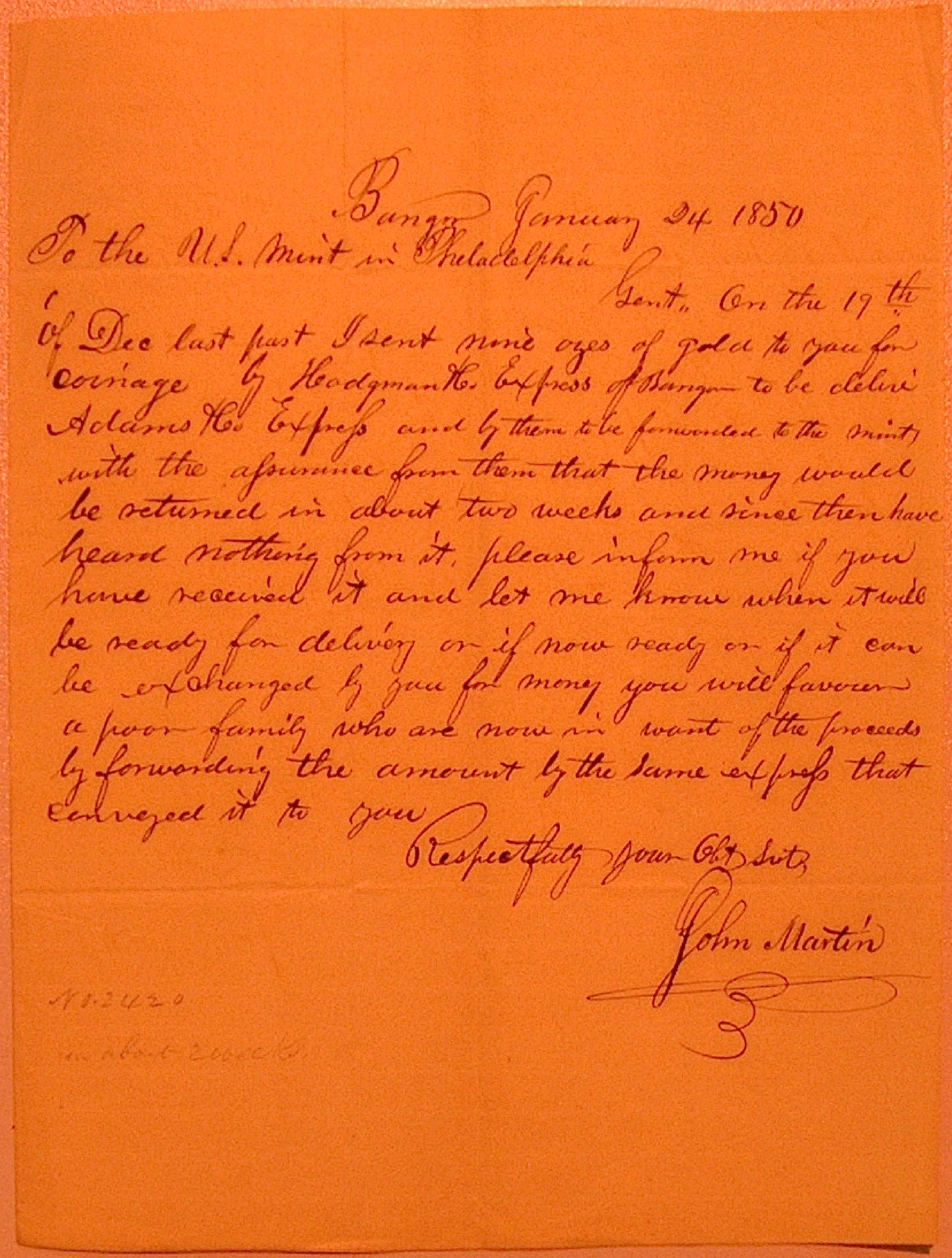
Hon. Joseph R. Ingersoll, of Philadelphia. During the long time that he was a member of the Committee of Ways and Means, he took particular interest in the affairs of the Mint.

John Price Wetherill, Esq., also of Philadelphia. His theoretical and practical knowledge of Chemistry, make him particularly suited for the duties of the Commission.

Prof. Edward Hitchcock, President of Amherst College, Massachusetts; a gentleman of the highest scientific distinction. ~~in scientific knowledge~~

R. M. P.

To/
Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Sec. of Treasury.



Bangor January 24 1850

To the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia

Gent,, On the 19th of Dec last past I sent nine ozes of gold to you for coinage by Hodgman Co. Express of Bangor to be delive Adams Co Express and by them to be forwarded to the mint, with the assurance from them that the money would be returned in about two weeks and since then have heard nothing from it, please inform me if you have received it and let me know when it will be ready for delivery or if now ready or if it can be exchanged by you for money you will favour a poor family who are now in want of the proceeds by forwarding the amount by the same express that conveyed it to you

Respectfully your Obt Svt,

John Martin

No. 2420

in about 2 weeks

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

25 Jany 1850

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

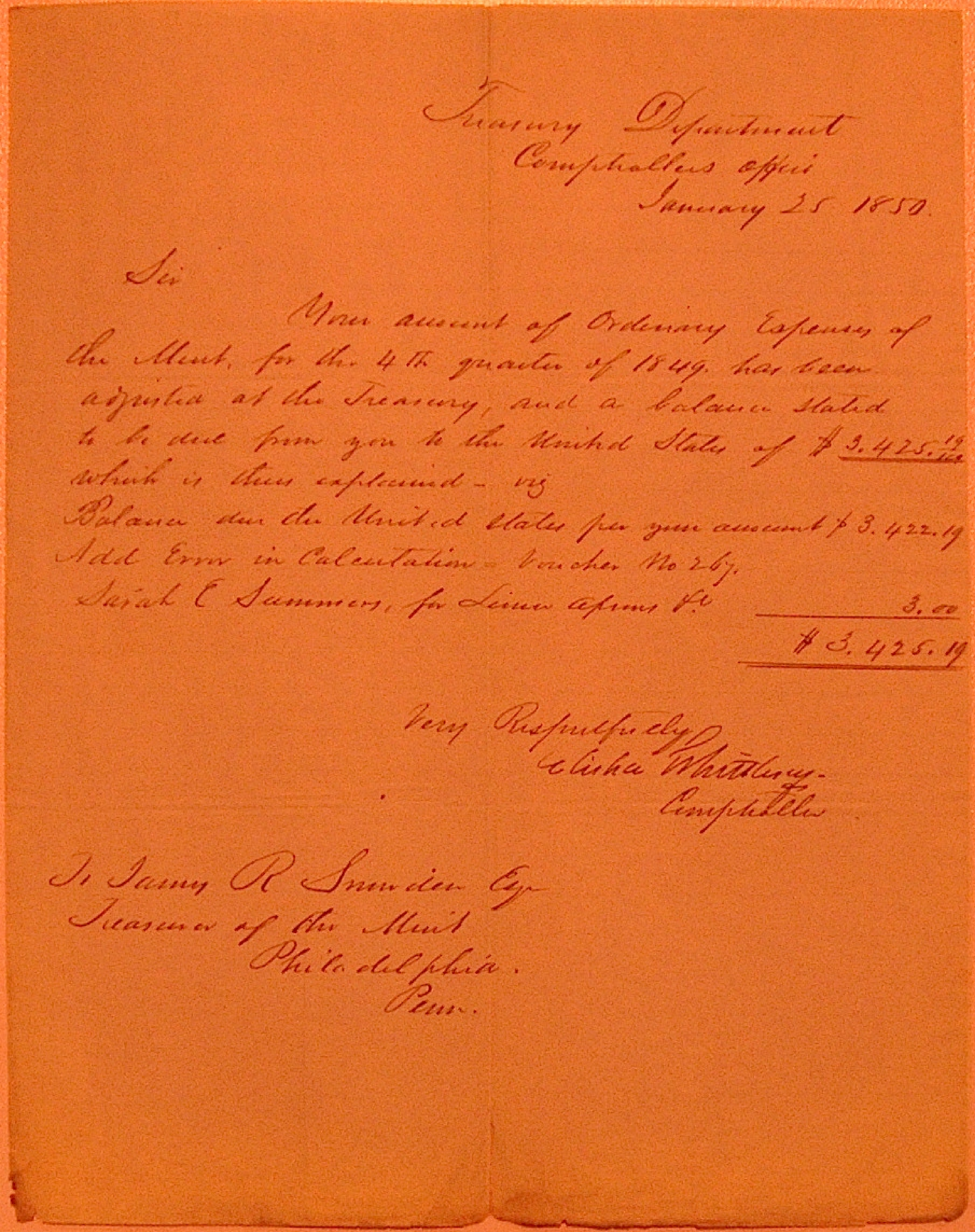
Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R Snowden Esqr
Treasr of the Mint

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.



Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
January 25 1850.

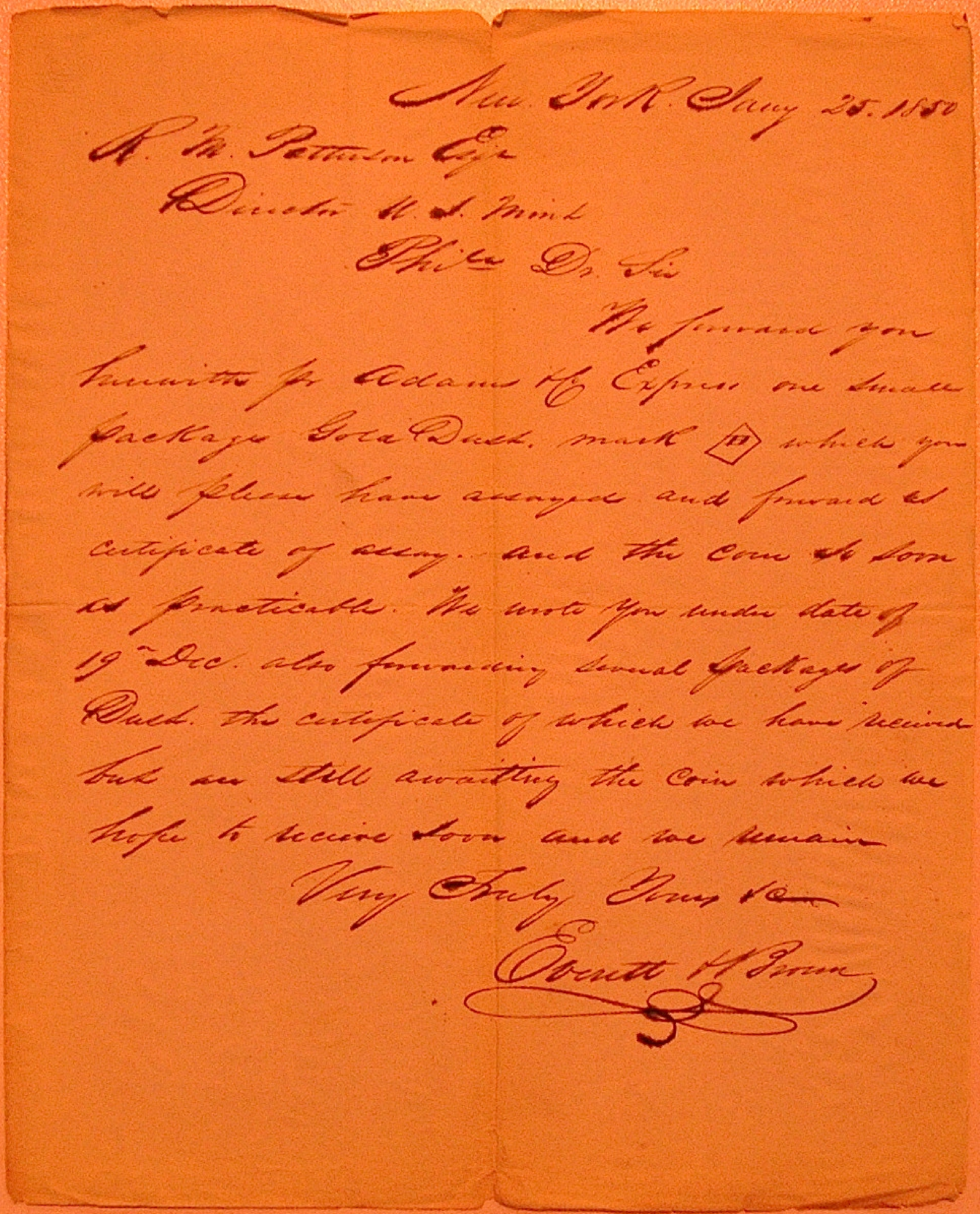
Sir

Your account of Ordinary Expenses of the Mint, for the 4th quarter of 1849, has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance stated to be due from you to the United States of $3.425.$\frac{19}{100}$ which is thus explained - viz

Balance due the United States per your account	$3.422.19
Add Error in Calculation - Voucher No 267. Sarah C Summers, for Linen aprons &c	3.00
	$3.425.19

Very Respectfully
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller

To James R Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.
Penn.



New York Jany 25. 1850

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director U. S. Mint
Phila Dr Sir

We forward you herewith per Adams & Co Express one small package Gold Dust. mark ◇ which you will please have assayed and forward us certificate of assay. and the coin as soon as practicable. We wrote you under date of 19th Dec. also forwarding several packages of Dust. the certificate of which we have received but are still awaiting the coin which we hope to receive soon and we remain

Very Truly Yours &c

Everett & Brown

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By Telegraph, Dated Butler Pa. Jan — 26/ 1849/50

To Col. Snowden

Treasurer of the Mint

From developments made to me today I advise you not to pay the deposits in the Mint to any order of Jacob Kauer John Coppersmith jointly or severally. Send me an official certificate of deposit. Yours with Esteem

John Bredin
Care J. W. Cassiday
Pittsburgh

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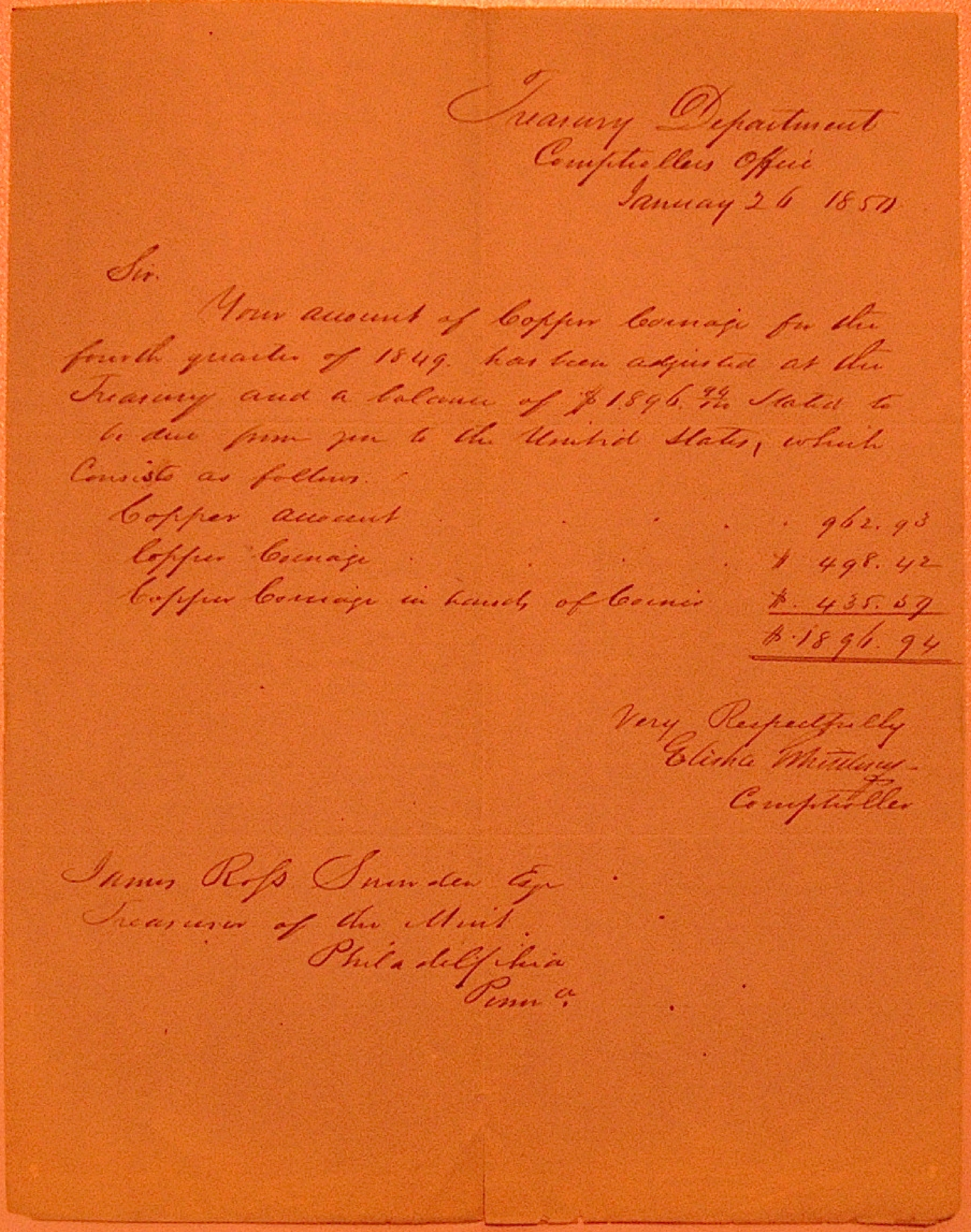


Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
January 26 1851

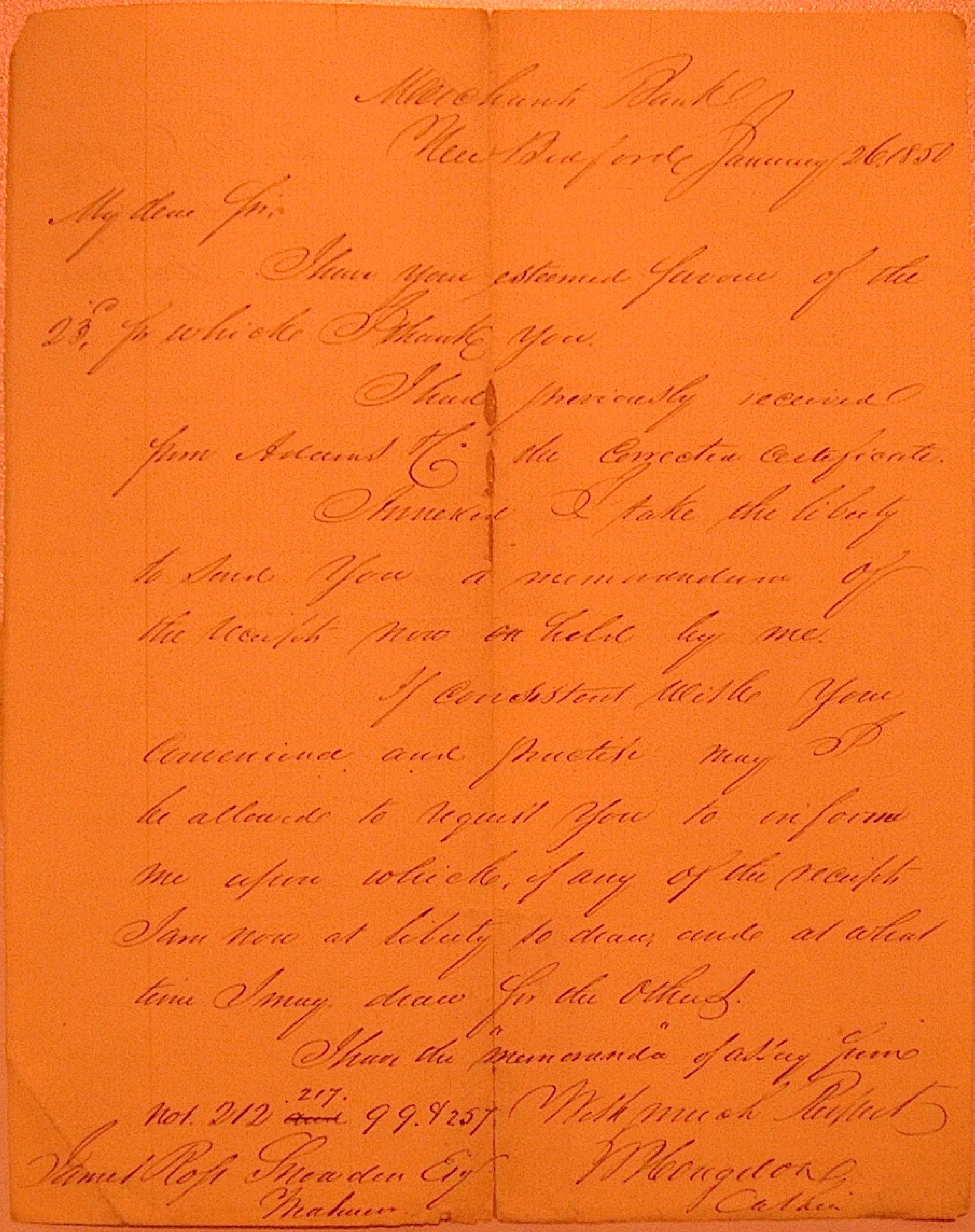
Sir.

Your account of Copper Coinage for the fourth quarter of 1849. has been adjusted at the Treasury and a balance of $\$1896.^{94}/_{100}$ stated to be due from you to the United States, which Consists as follows.

Copper account	. 962.93
Copper Coinage . . .	$ 498.42
Copper Coinage in hands of Coiner	$. 435.59
	$.1896. 94

Very Respectfully
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia
Penn^a.



Merchants Bank
New Bedford January 26 1850

My dear Sir

I have your esteemed favour of the 23d, for which I thank you.

I had previously received from Adams & Co the Corrected Certificate.

Annexed I take the liberty to send you a memorandum of the receipts now on hold by me.

If consistent with your convenience and practice may I be allowed to request you to inform me upon which, if any of the receipts I am now at liberty to draw, and at what time I may draw for the others.

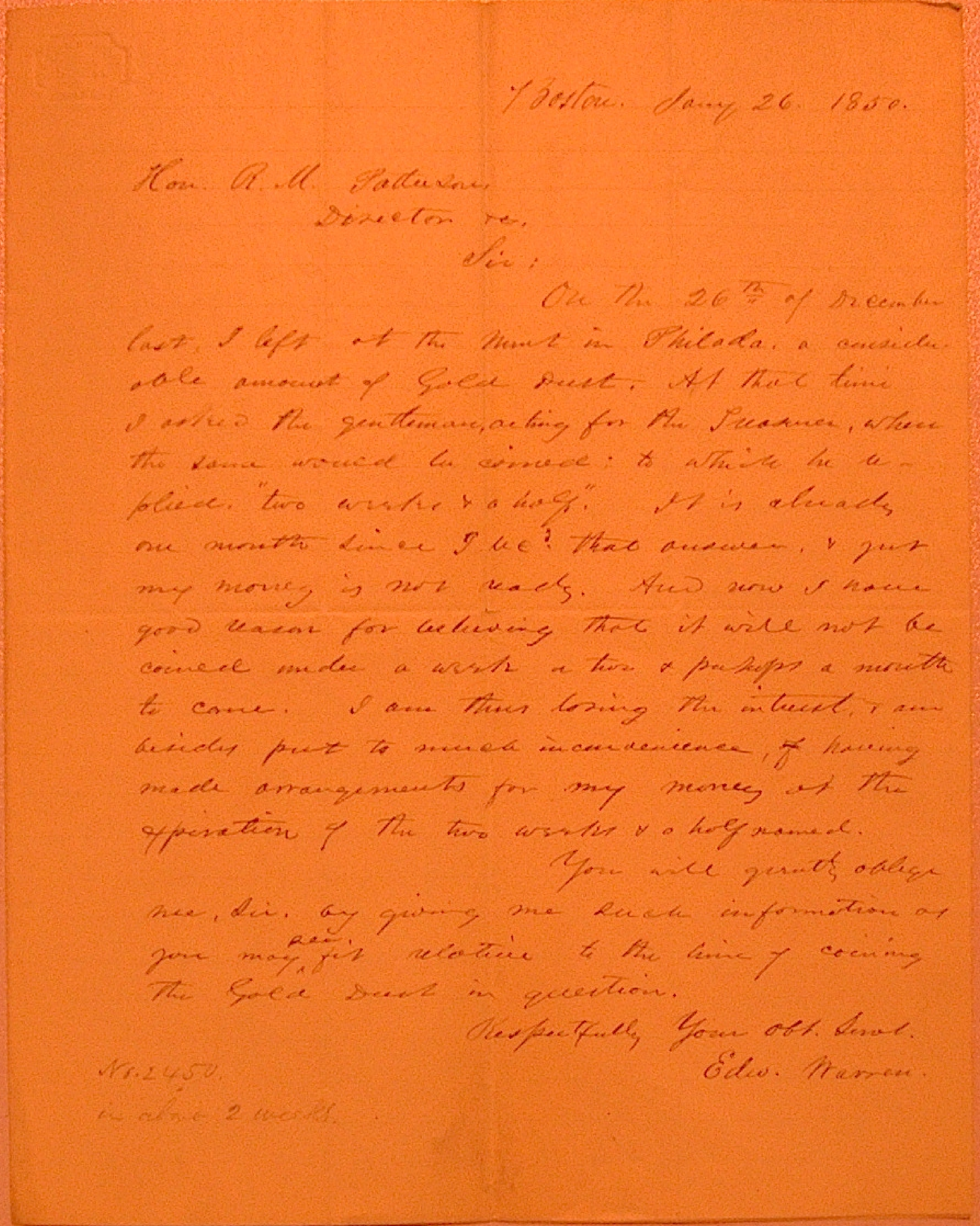
I have the "memoranda" of [illegible] from

Nos. 212 ~~and~~ 217. 99 & 257

With much Respect

J B Congdon
Cashr

Samuel Ross Snowden Esq
[illegible]



Boston Jany 26. 1850.

Hon. R. M. Patterson,
Director &c.

Sir:

On the 26th of December last, I left at the Mint in Philada. a considerable amount of Gold dust. At that time I asked the gentleman, acting for the Treasurer, when the same would be coined: to which he replied, "two weeks & a half". It is already one month since I recd that answer, & yet my money is not ready. And now I have good reason for believing that it will not be coined under a week or two & perhaps a month to come. I am thus losing the interest, & am besides put to much inconvenience, of having made arrangements for my money at the expiration of the two weeks & a half named.

You will greatly oblige me, Sir, by giving me such information as you may see fit relative to the time of coining the Gold Dust in question.

Respectfully Your obt. Servt.
Edw. Warren.

No. 2450.
in about 2 weeks.

New York Jan 26th 50

Dear Sir

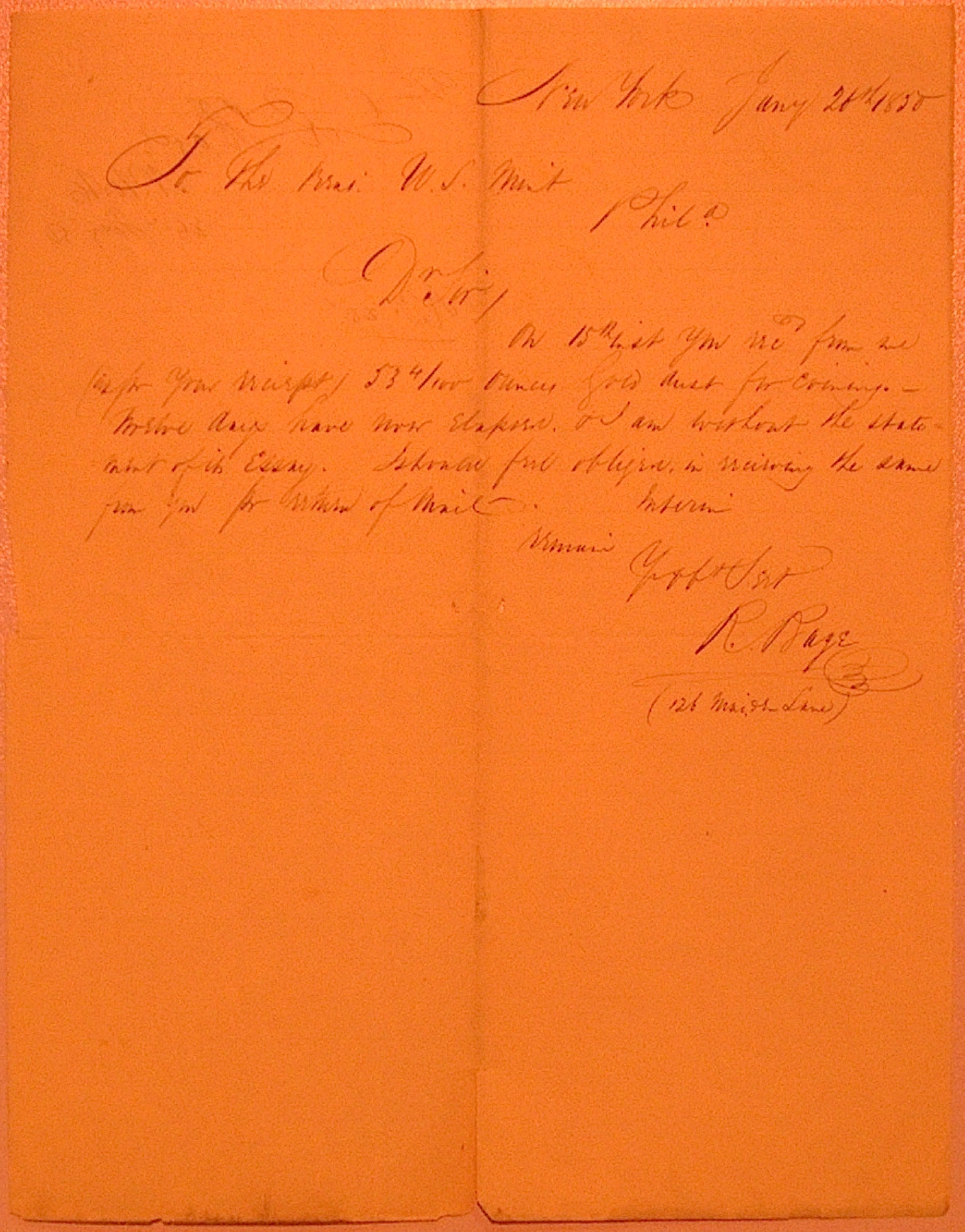
The Dust enquired for by Mr Jos Stark Lockport N.Y is still at Chagres. The B/L under which it was shipped at San Francisco designating the Steamers of Howard & Sons Line as the Carriers from Chagres to New York, with some $400.000 additional sent to Panama by the Unicorn Decr 1st — neither the Empire City nor Crescent City being at Chagres on the arrival of the Dust per Unicorn has caused the delay.

We have written Mr Stark by the mail of today in explanation of the above

Yours Respectfully

Adams & Co

Dr. Patterson
Mint Phila



New York Jany 26th 1850

To The Treas. U.S. Mint
Phila

Dr Sir,

On 15th inst you recd from me (as per your receipt) 53 4/100 ounces Gold dust for Coining. — Twelve days have now elapsed & I am without the statement of its Essay. I should feel obliged in receiving the same from you per return of Mail. Interim

I remain
Yr obt Servt
R. Page
(126 Maiden Lane)

Mint of the United States.
Phil^a Jan^y 26, 1850.

Dear Sir,

I received to day your telegraphic despatch from Pittsburg.

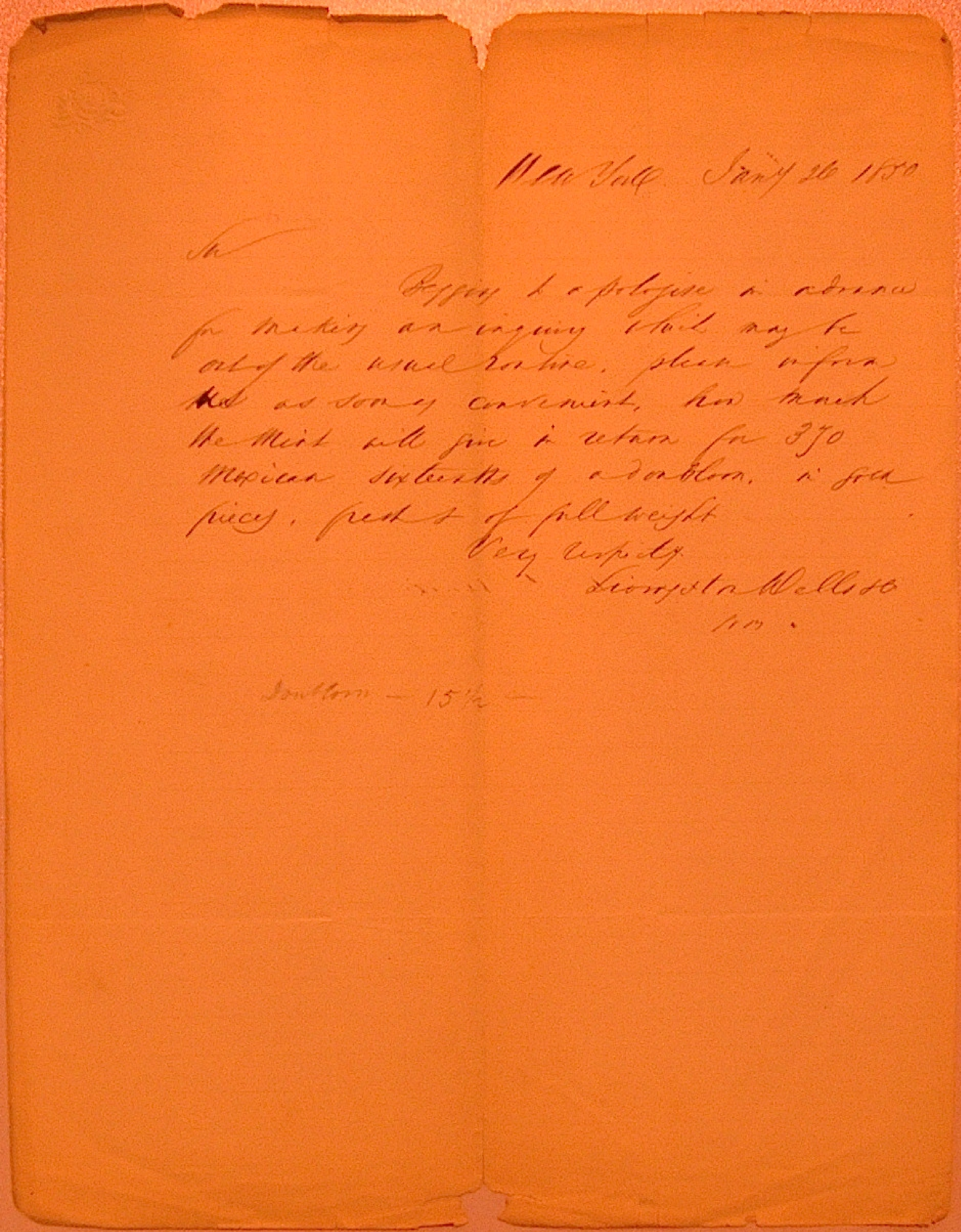
I presume that my answer to your nephew, Ed. M. Bredin Esq. who wrote to me on the same subject will probably reach him to day. In that letter I stated the amount deposited by the persons named.

You are no doubt aware that it is not competent to make the Mint or myself as Treasurer a garnishee in reference to cases such as this. Yet on presentation of facts showing that a felony or fraud was committed I might withhold payment, until the rights of the parties concerned were determined. The [illegible] difficulty in this case may arise if the depositors have assigned their certificates to innocent persons without notice: inasmuch as I pay to the holder of the certificate when the same is endorsed by the depositor. I will not make payment in these cases, for the present and will at all events withhold the same until I hear from you or from Mr. Ed. M. Bredin, stating the grounds on which the proceeds of these deposits should not be paid to the depositors,

Very truly your friend
and Ob. Servt.

James Ross Snowden
Treasurer,

Hon. John Bredin
Presd. Judge 17th Judicial
District of Penna.



New York Jany 26 1850

Sir

Begging to apologise in advance for making an inquiry which may be out of the usual routine, please inform us as soon as convenient, how much the Mint will give in return for 370 Mexican sixteenths of a doubloon, in gold pieces, perfect & of full weight.

Very respy

Livingston Wells & Co

pr.

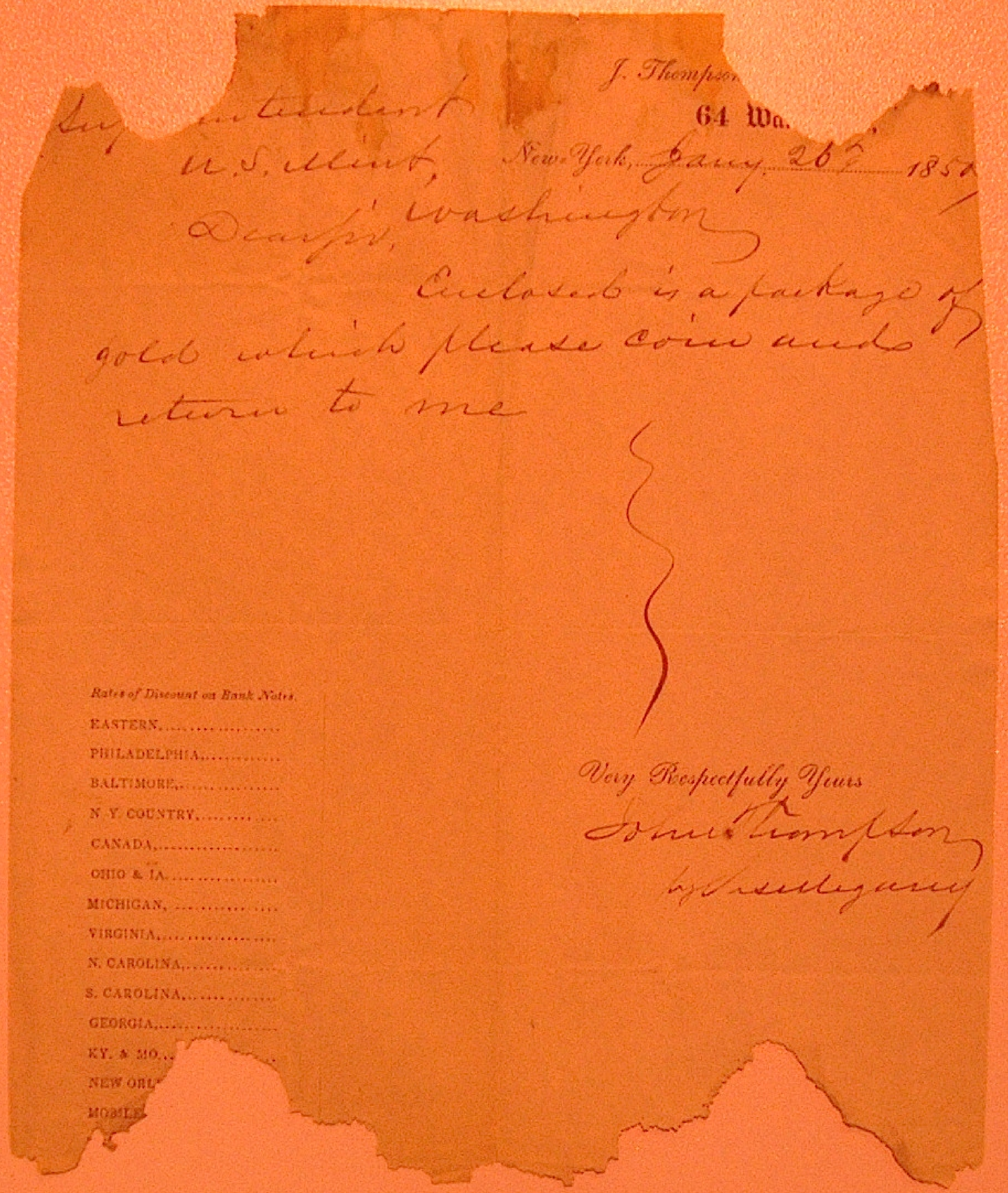
Doubloon — 15½ —

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,
43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Jany 26 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Treasurer US Mint D Sir

Accompanying this by Livingston & Co's express you have for coinage 116 oz 18 dwt bar & dust gold. Please forward receipt in our name by Livingston & Co. & assay by mail

Resp Yours
Weeks Kelley & Co
By E Stephens



J. Thompson

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Su intendent
U. S. Mint,
Washington

New York, Jany 26th 185

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a package of gold which please coin and return to me

Very Respectfully Yours

John Thompson
by [illegible]

Rates of Discount on Bank Notes.

EASTERN,..................
PHILADELPHIA,.............
BALTIMORE,................
N. Y. COUNTRY,............
CANADA,...................
OHIO & IA.................
MICHIGAN, ...
VIRGINIA,.................
N. CAROLINA,..............
S. CAROLINA,..............
GEORGIA,..................
KY. & MO.,
NEW ORL
MOBIL

Brunswick, Me., Jan. 27, 1850.

My dear Sir,

In a former letter, I fixed upon February 1st as the earliest day on which I could get away from my entanglements here. I cherished the purpose, however, if unremitted exertions could effect it, to be in Philadelphia by Jan. 15th. Well, I have been working day & night, and here is the 27th January, and there is still much undone that ought to be done in order that I may leave my accounts in a satisfactory condition. I am so near the end of the work, however, that I can say with confidence that another week would suffice to close up every thing. But this would delay my departure till Feb. 4th. I find myself therefore in a most painful position. Duty calls me in opposite directions. A few days more of labor and my books will speak for themselves & can leave them with a clear conscience. But then how can I longer abuse your patience? I cannot ask for any further indulgence. I assure you, my dear Sir, that I was never more embarrassed by a conflict of duties in my life.

I write now to say that I shall still aim to leave here by Thursday next, Jan. 31st.

If, however, on receipt of this, the state of things at the Mint should justify you in assenting to my remaining here till Feb. 4th, it would be a great relief to me to receive a telegraphic dispatch to that effect.

Very respectfully
& truly yours,
Geo. F. Dunning

Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Telegraph via Bath.

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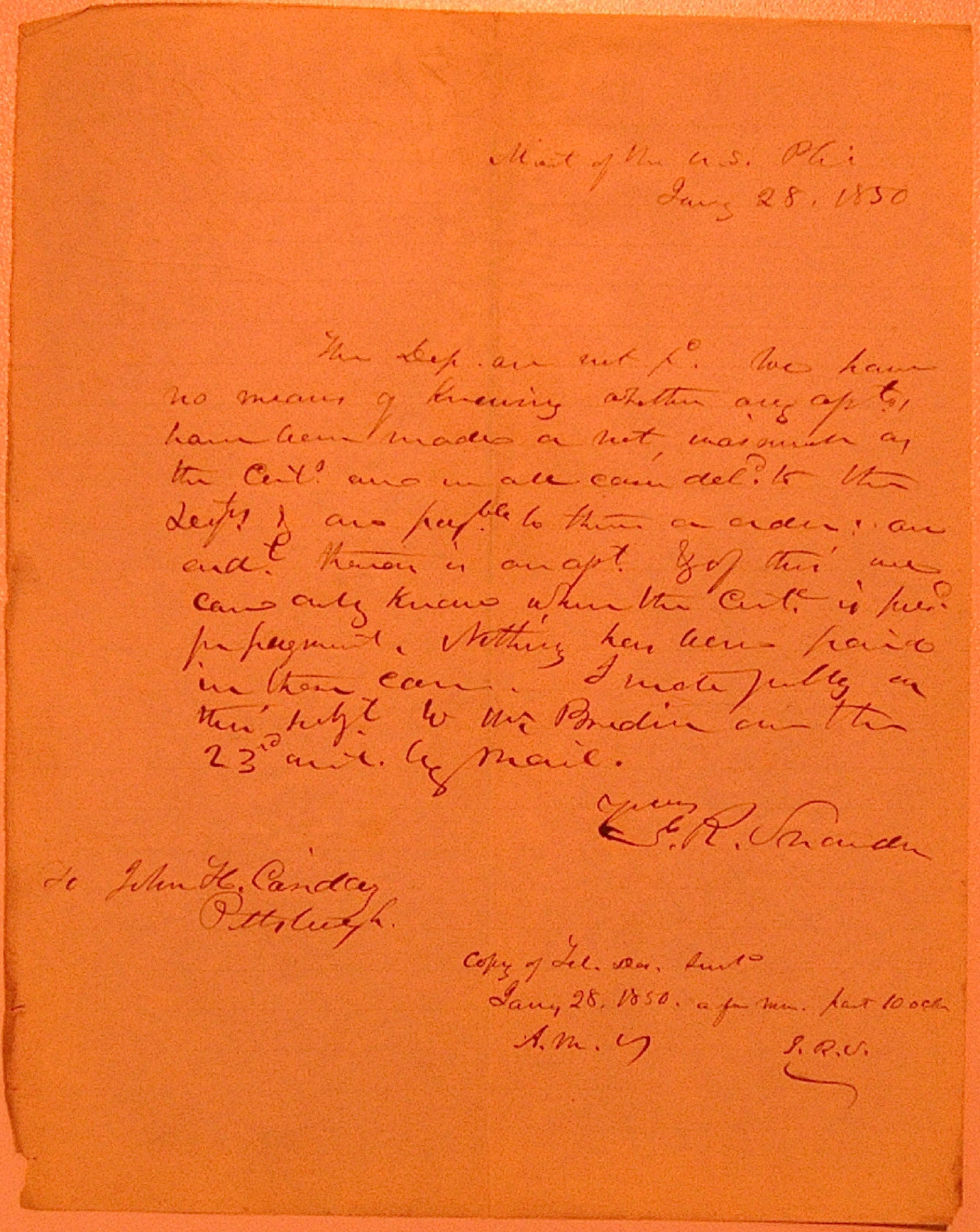
By Telegraph, Date Pittsburgh Jan 28th 1849

To J Ross Snowden

Are the Deposits in the Mint
if so has any transfer been made
of Certificate and to whom and
to whom was Certificate sold
for face — Did Coppersmith &
Keim draw any thing from
Mint when Deposits were made
and what amount

J. H. Caniday

Answer paid for



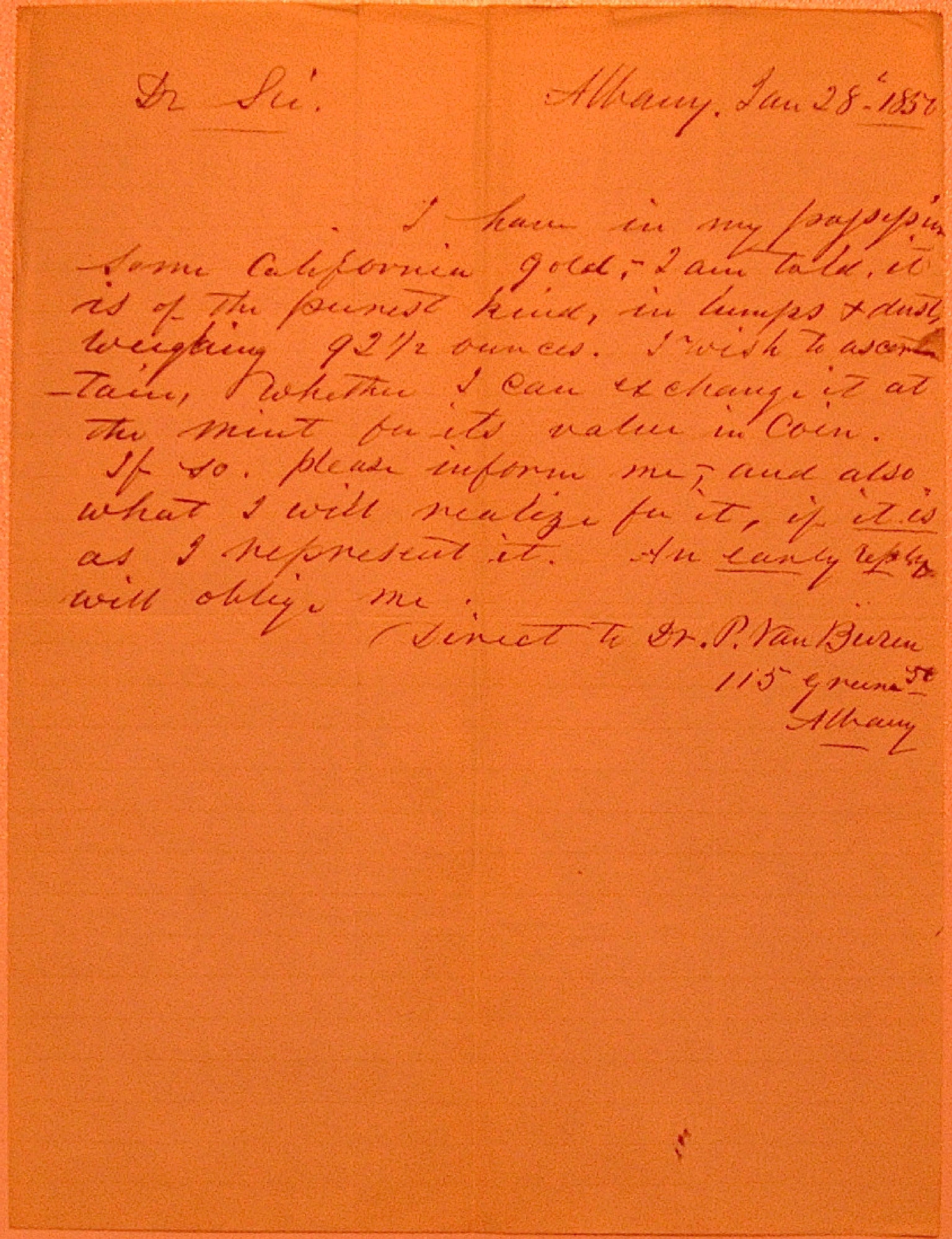
Mint of the U.S. Phi
Jany 28. 1850

The Dep. are not pd. We have no means of knowing whether any apts. have been made or not, inasmuch as the Certs. are in all cases deld. to the Depts. & are payble. to their order: an endt. thereon is an apt. & of this we can only know when the Cert. is presd. for payment. Nothing has been paid in these cases. I wrote fully on this subjt. to Mr Brodie on the 23d ult. by mail.

Yours
J. R. Snowden

To John H. Candley
Pittsburgh

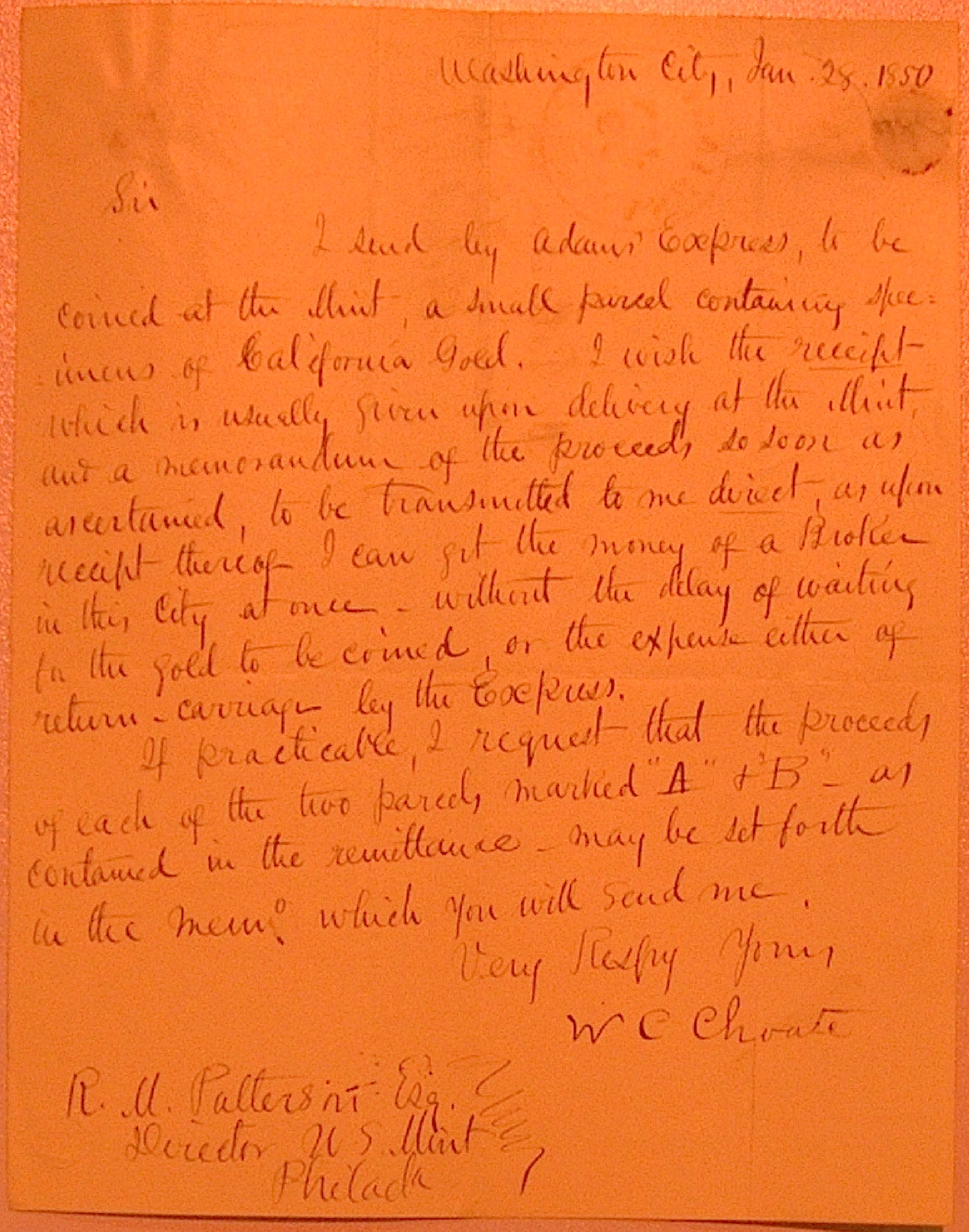
Copy of Tel. des. sent
Jany 28. 1850. a few min. past 10 oclk
A.M. by
J. R. S.



Dr Sir. Albany. Jan 28th 1850

I have in my possession some California gold; I am told, it is of the purest kind, in lumps & dust, weighing 92½ ounces. I wish to ascertain, whether I can exchange it at the mint for its value in Coin. If so. please inform me; and also what I will realize for it, if it is as I represent it. An early reply will oblige me.

Direct to Dr. P. Van Buren
115 Green St
Albany



Washington City, Jan. 28. 1850

Sir

I send by Adams' Express, to be coined at the Mint, a small parcel containing specimens of California Gold. I wish the receipt which is usually given upon delivery at the Mint, and a memorandum of the proceeds so soon as ascertained, to be transmitted to me direct, as upon receipt thereof I can get the money of a Broker in this City at once - without the delay of waiting for the gold to be coined, or the expense either of return-carriage by the Express.

If practicable, I request that the proceeds of each of the two parcels marked "A" & "B" - as contained in the remittance - may be set forth in the memo. which you will send me.

Very Respy Yours,

W C Choate

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director U S Mint
Philada

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia,
Jan. 28, 1850.

Sir,

In a letter which I had the honor of sending ~~sent~~ to you, on the 8th of November last, with estimates of the appropriations that would be required by the Mint, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1851, I stated that the California gold had subjected this Mint to great expenses by a necessary increase in the laboratory, and the employment of a number of additional workmen. I also stated, that in consequence of this, the funds available for the present fiscal year must certainly fall short of the expenses, so that there ~~will~~ would be a deficit which must be supplied by an extra appropriation. What amount would be required, we were then not able to estimate, and our application has been deferred until this time. ~~and~~

I now earnestly apply, through you, for an extra appropriation, of twelve thousand dollars, to supply the deficit in the appropriation, for the

present fiscal year for the Mint; namely
To supply ~~the deficiency~~ ~~in the appropriation~~ for [illegible] [illegible] salary of clerks [illegible] $11,500

The grounds of this estimate are presented in the subjoined statements.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson
Director

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

I have also to request that the item for the salaries of clerks, in the estimate already presented of appropriations required for the next fiscal year, ending June 30/51, may be so altered as to ~~allow~~ increase the amount applicable to the salaries of ~~the sum of $4800 for four~~ clerks to $4800, being for 4 clerks at $1200 each ~~clerks at $1200 each~~. I have before explained, in my letter to you of the 10th Dec. ulto. the imperative necessity for ~~the increase in the number of~~ an additional clerk ~~[illegible]~~ of the Mint ~~clerks~~, and have received, the ~~[illegible]~~ the President's ~~[illegible]~~ consent ~~to the appointment and to the salary asked~~, as required by the 3rd & 7th sections of the Mint Act of Jan. 18th 1837, both to the appointment and to the amount of salary.

R. M. P.

An estimate of the Means and Expenses of the Mint for the Balance of the present fiscal year 1849-50

Means.

1. January 25, 1850. Balances in the ordinary fund	$1662.
2. Estimated profits on sale of copper coins	5000
3. " deductions from deposites	12,000
4. Appropriations undrawn, for salaries and wages	15,200
Total estimated means	$33,862

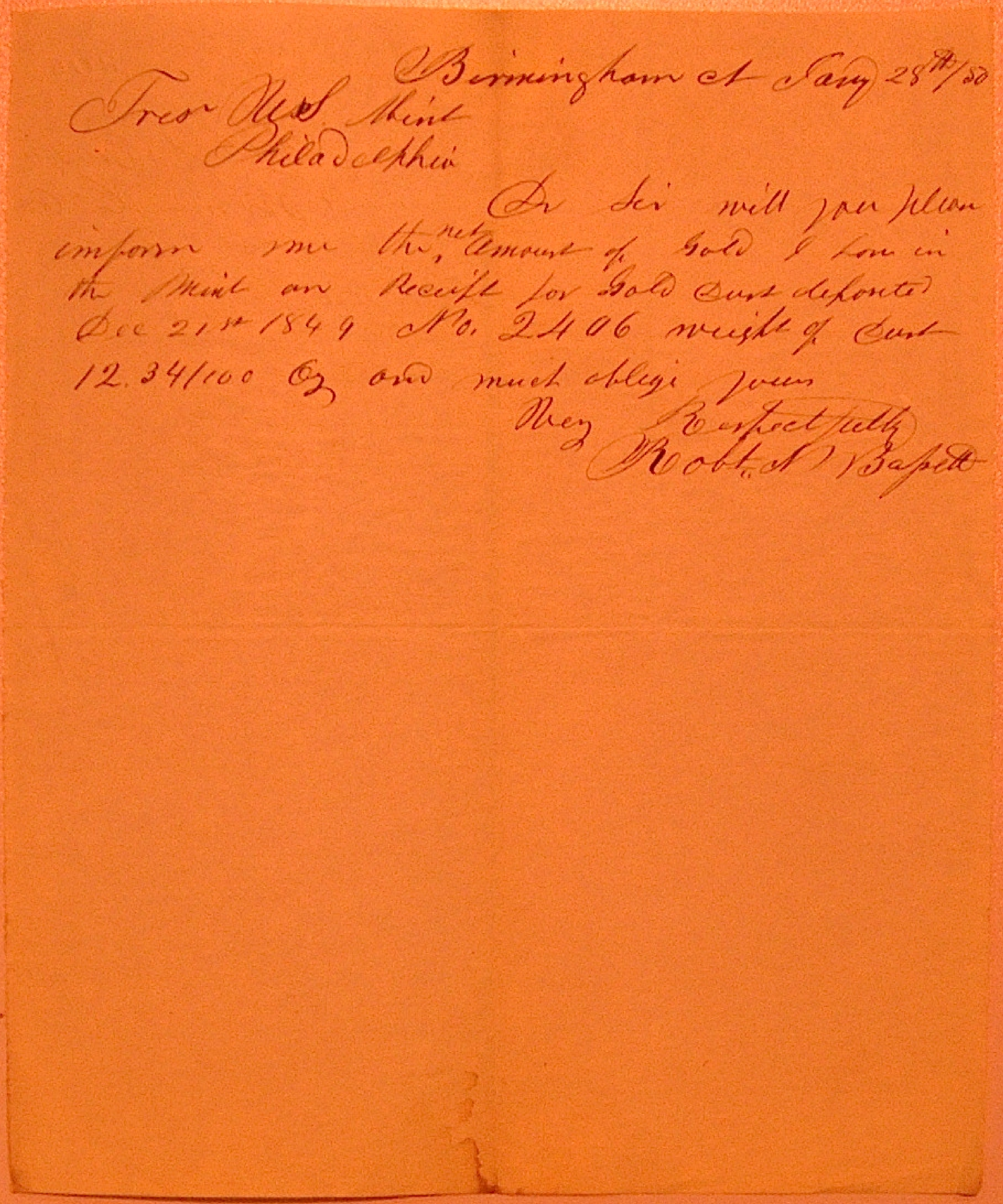
Expenses.

1. Expense for salaries and wages (specific appropriation)	$15,200
2. unsettled wastage - estimated	500
3. Bills unpaid and rendered	5,773
4. Wages chargeable to contingent fund	2,689
5. Salary of clerk from Feb. to July at $100 per month	500
6 For acids $9600; for silver alloy $5100; copper alloy $500	15,200
7. Contingent expenses not before estimated	6,000
Total estimated expenses	$45,862
Estimated Deficit	$12,000

Note. Our experience since the date of the above shows that the items No. 3 of means, and no. 6 of expenses should both have been larger. The increase in each is, or should be, the same, the deductions being reserved almost exclusively ~~expressly~~ to defray the expense of acid and alloy. The difference between the means and expenses will, of course, be unaffected.

Feb. 25th 1850

R. P.

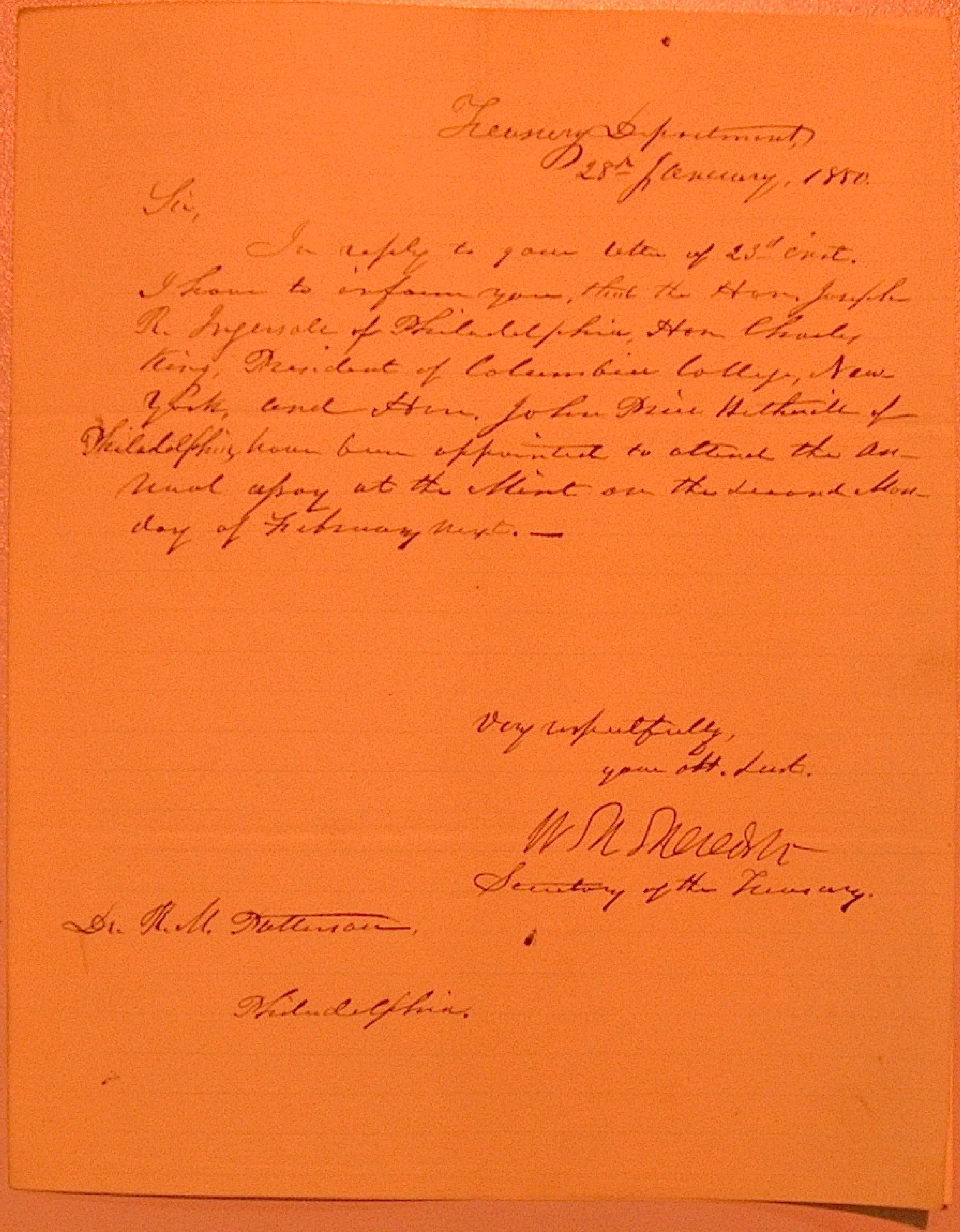


Birmingham Ct Jany 28th/50

Treas U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dr Sir will you please imform me the net Amount of Gold I have in the Mint on Receipt for Gold Dust deposited Dec 21st 1849 No. 2406 weight of Dust 12.34/100 Oz and much oblige yours

Very Respectfully
Robt. N Bassett



Treasury Department,
28th January, 1850.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 23rd inst. I have to inform you, that the Hon. Joseph R. Ingersoll of Philadelphia, Hon. Charles King, President of Columbia College, New York, and Hon. John Price Wetherill of Philadelphia, have been appointed to attend the annual assay at the Mint on the second Monday of February next.—

Very respectfully,
your obt. Servt.

W. M. Meredith
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson,

Philadelphia.

New York Jany 28th 1850

Will the Treasurer of the Mint oblige us by furnishing us with a memorandum of the value of the Gold we deposited on the 14th instant viz. Oz $289\frac{40}{100}$. Also if possible when it will be ready. Please address

J & W Moir
315 Hudson Street
New York.

(Copy, the original being sent to Washington)

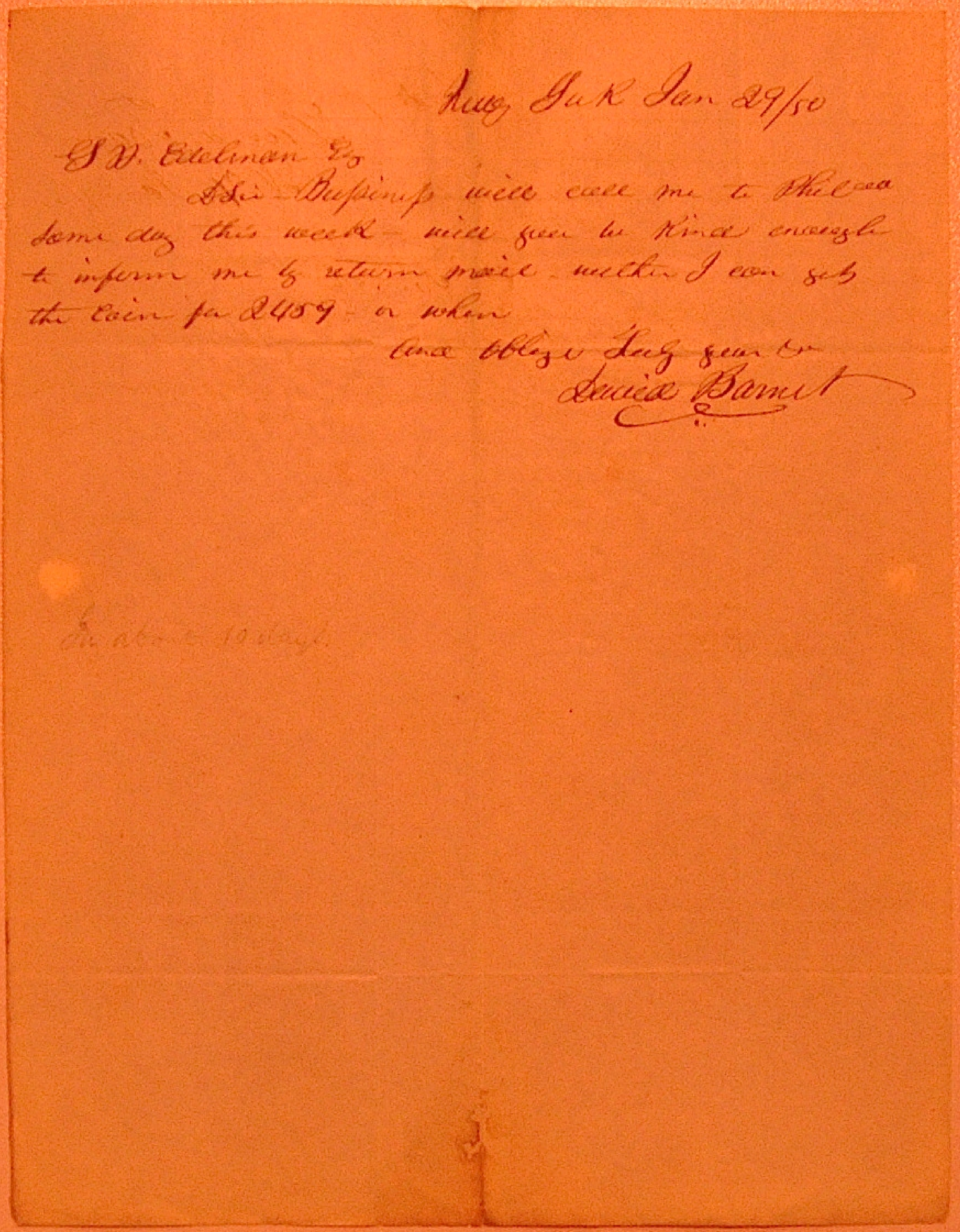
Philadelphia Jan. 29, 1850

Sir,

It is so probable that I shall be out of town on the 11th of February that I should be unwilling to run the risk of failure in attendance at the Mint at the time and for the purpose named in your communication of this date. I do not delay therefore to reply (agreeably to your request) and inform you that it will not be in my power to accept the appointment.

With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
J. R. Ingersoll

Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint.



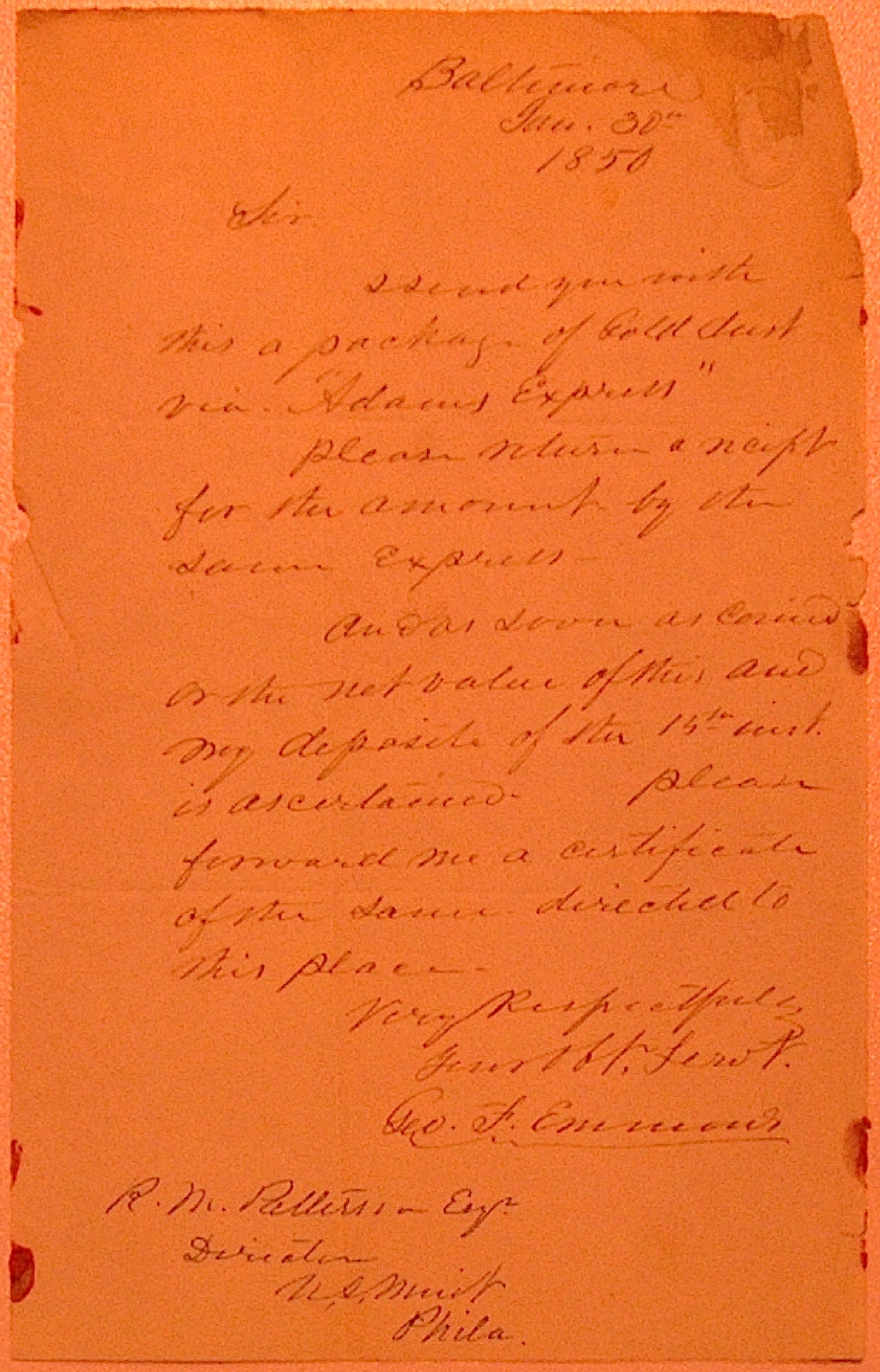
New York Jan 29/50

G. V. Edelman Esq

My Business will call me to Phil^da some day this week - will you be kind enough to inform me by return mail - whether I can get the Coin for 2459 - or when

and oblige truly yours &c
Daniel Barnet

In about 10 days.



Baltimore
Jan. 30th
1850

Sir

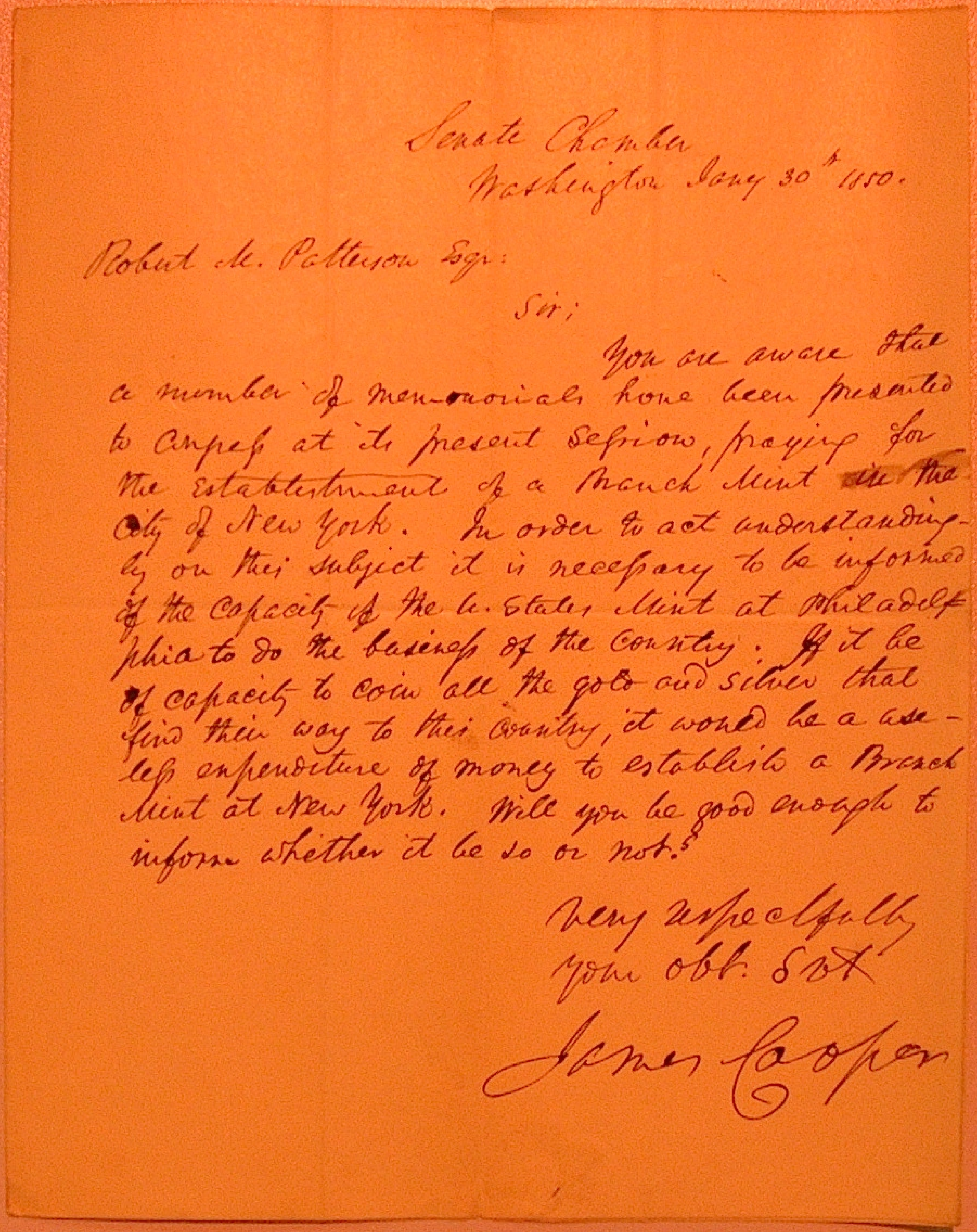
I send you with this a package of Gold Dust via "Adams Express"

please return a receipt for the amount by the same Express —

And as soon as coined or the net value of this and my deposite of the 15th inst. is ascertained please forward me a certificate of the same directed to this place —

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.
Geo. F. Emmons

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Director
U.S. Mint
Phila.



Senate Chamber
Washington Jany 30th 1850.

Robert M. Patterson Esqr:

Sir;

You are aware that a number of memorials have been presented to Congreſs at its present Seſsion, praying for the establishment of a Branch Mint in the City of New York. In order to act understandingly on this subject it is neceſsary to be informed of the Capacity of the U. States Mint at Philadelphia to do the busineſs of the Country. If it be of capacity to coin all the gold and silver that find their way to this country, it would be a useleſs expenditure of money to establish a Branch Mint at New York. Will you be good enough to inform whether it be so or not?

Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt

James Cooper

Mint U.S. Phila. Jan. 30, 1838

Sir,

I regret ~~to state that~~ I have to send you the enclosed letter from the Hon. Joseph R. Ingersoll, in which he states that it is not in his power to accept the appointment of Assay Commissioner. Although the law does not name the number of these Commissioners, it has been customary to appoint three, in addition to the three that ~~are~~ ex officio. Let me then ~~respectfully~~ express the hope that the President will designate some one to supply the place of Mr Ingersoll.

Mr Whittlesey accepts his appointment. From President King I have not yet heard.

R.M.P.
Dir

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[illegible]

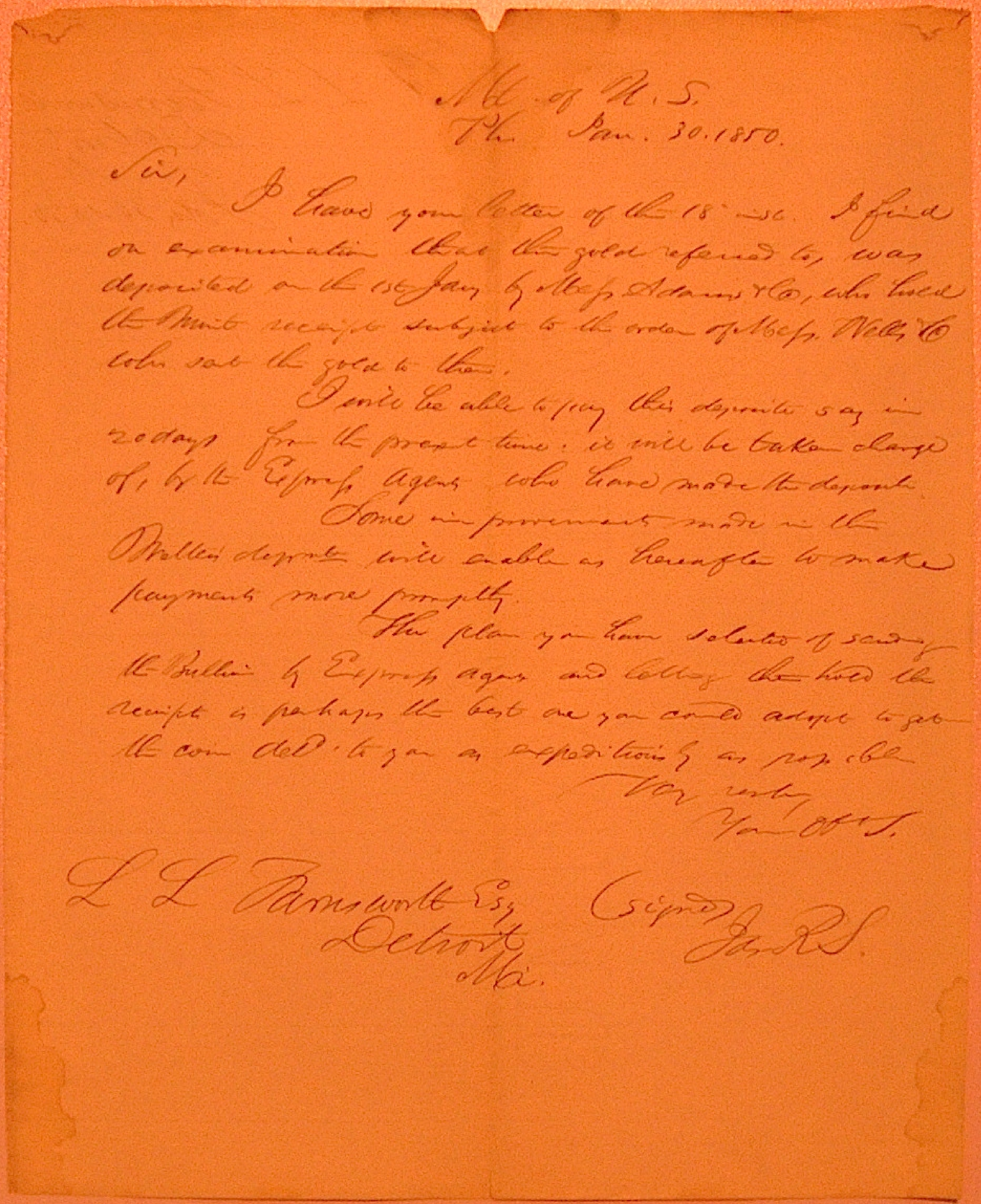
Philadela Jany 30th 1850.

Dr Sir

In reply to yours of 29th Inst. enclosing Honble Wm M Meredith's Secy of the Treasury letter in relation to my appointment by the President of the United States, as one of the Commissioners to attend the Annual Assay. It is with pleasure I accept the honor & will be present on the day appointed,

Very respectfully
Your friend
John P. Wetherill

Robt M Patterson Esqr
Director



M. of U.S.
Ph. Jan. 30. 1850.

Sir,

I have your letter of the 18 inst. I find on examination that the gold referred to, was deposited on the 1st Jany by Messrs Adams & Co, who hold the Mint receipts subject to the order of Messrs Wells & Co who sent the gold to them.

I will be able to pay this deposite say in 20 days from the present time. it will be taken charge of, by the Express Agents who have made the deposite.

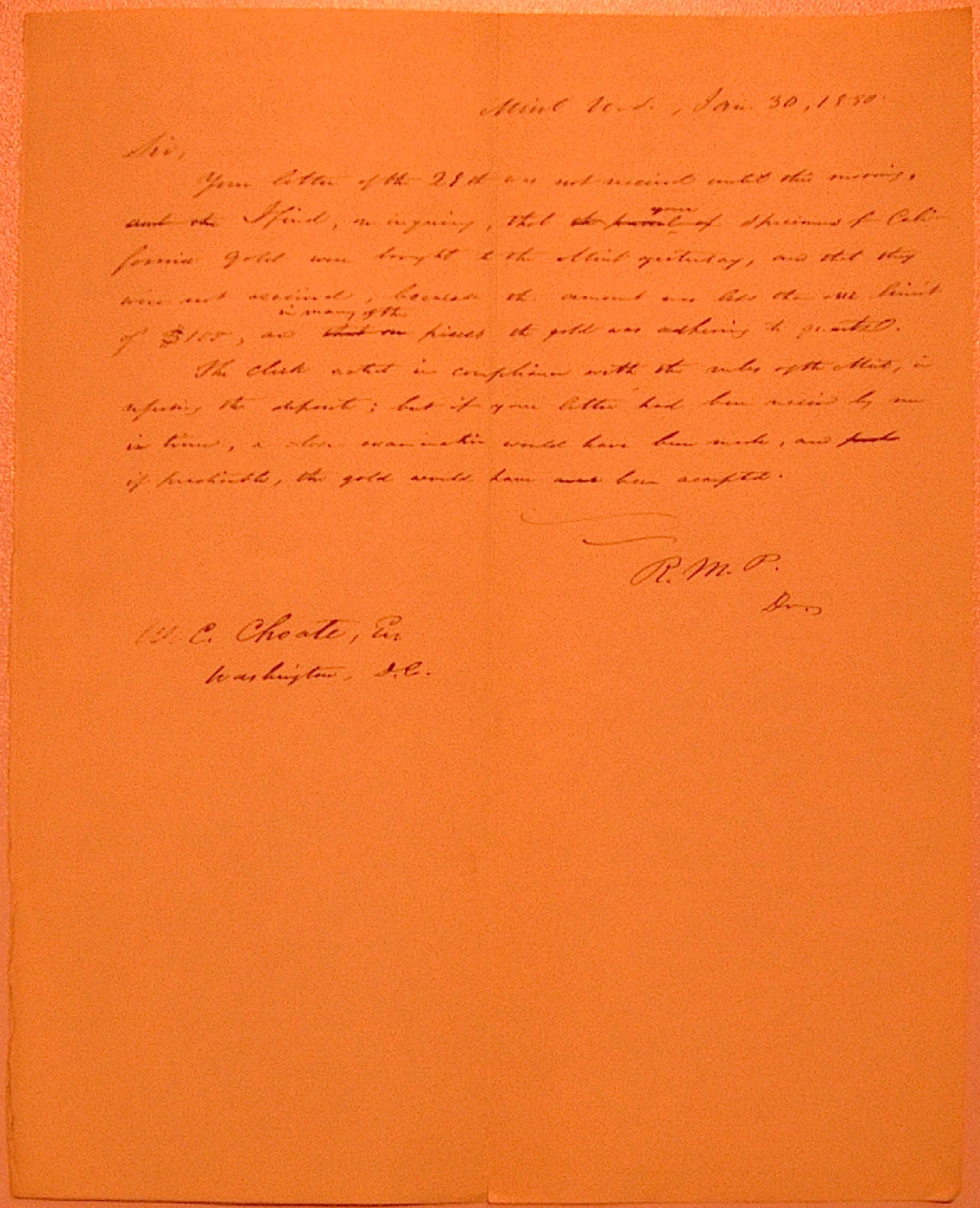
Some improvements made in the Bullion department will enable us hereafter to make payments more promptly.

The plan you have selected of sending the Bullion by Express agents and letting them hold the receipt is perhaps the best one you could adopt to get the coin del'd to you as expeditiously as possible

Very resp.y
Your Obt S.

L L Farnsworth Esq
Detroit
Mi.

(Signed) Jas R S.



Mint U.S., Jan. 30, 1850.

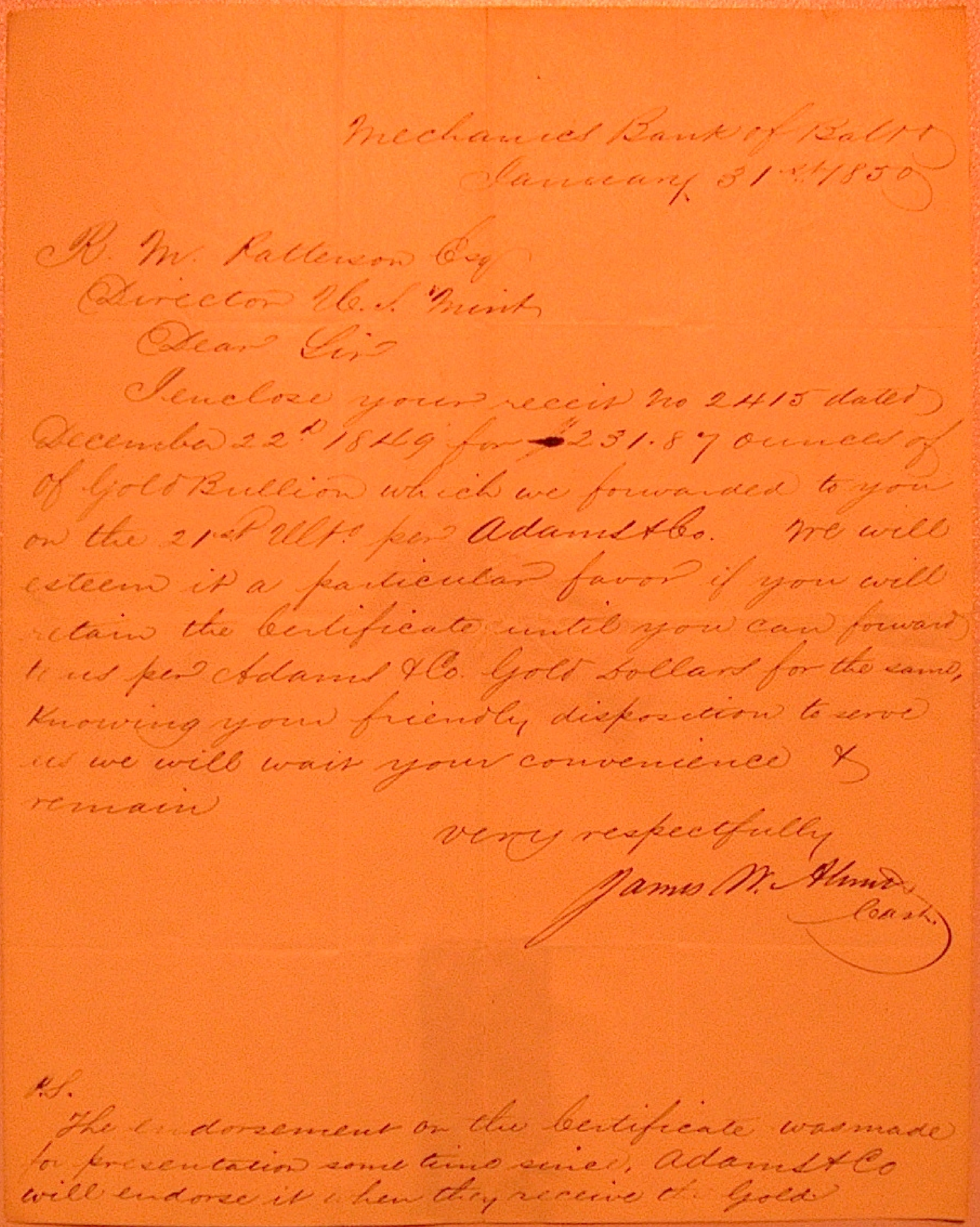
Sir,

Your letter of the 28th was not received until this morning, ~~and we~~ I find, on inquiry, that ~~the parcel of~~ your specimens of California gold were brought to the Mint yesterday, and that they were not received, because the amount was less than our limit of $100, and ~~that on~~ in many of the pieces the gold was adhering to quartz.

The Clerk acted in compliance with the rules of the Mint, in refusing the deposit; but if your letter had been received by me in time, a closer examination would have been made, and ~~[illegible]~~ if practicable, the gold would have ~~was~~ been accepted.

R. M. P.
Dir.

W. C. Choate, Esq.
Washington, D.C.



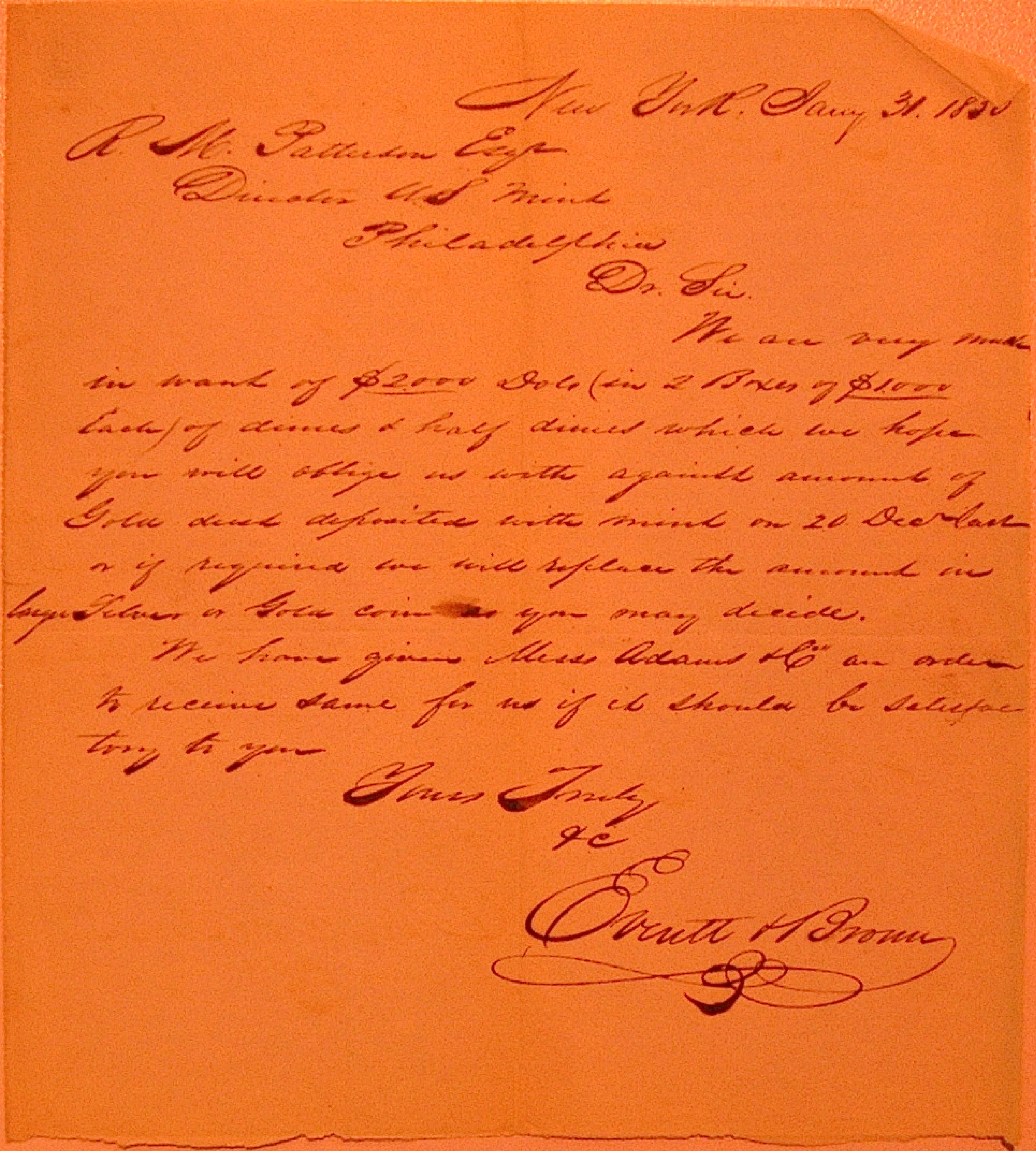
Mechanics Bank of Balt
January 31st 1850

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Dear Sir

I enclose your receit No 2415 dated December 22d 1849 for 231.87 ounces of of Gold Bullion which we forwarded to you on the 21st Ulto per Adams & Co. We will esteem it a particular favor if you will retain the Certificate until you can forward to us per Adams & Co. Gold Dollars for the same, knowing your friendly disposition to serve us we will wait your convenience & remain

very respectfully
James W. [illegible]
Cash.

P.S.
The Endorsement on the Certificate was made for presentation some time since, Adams & Co will endorse it when they receive the Gold



New York. Jany 31. 1850

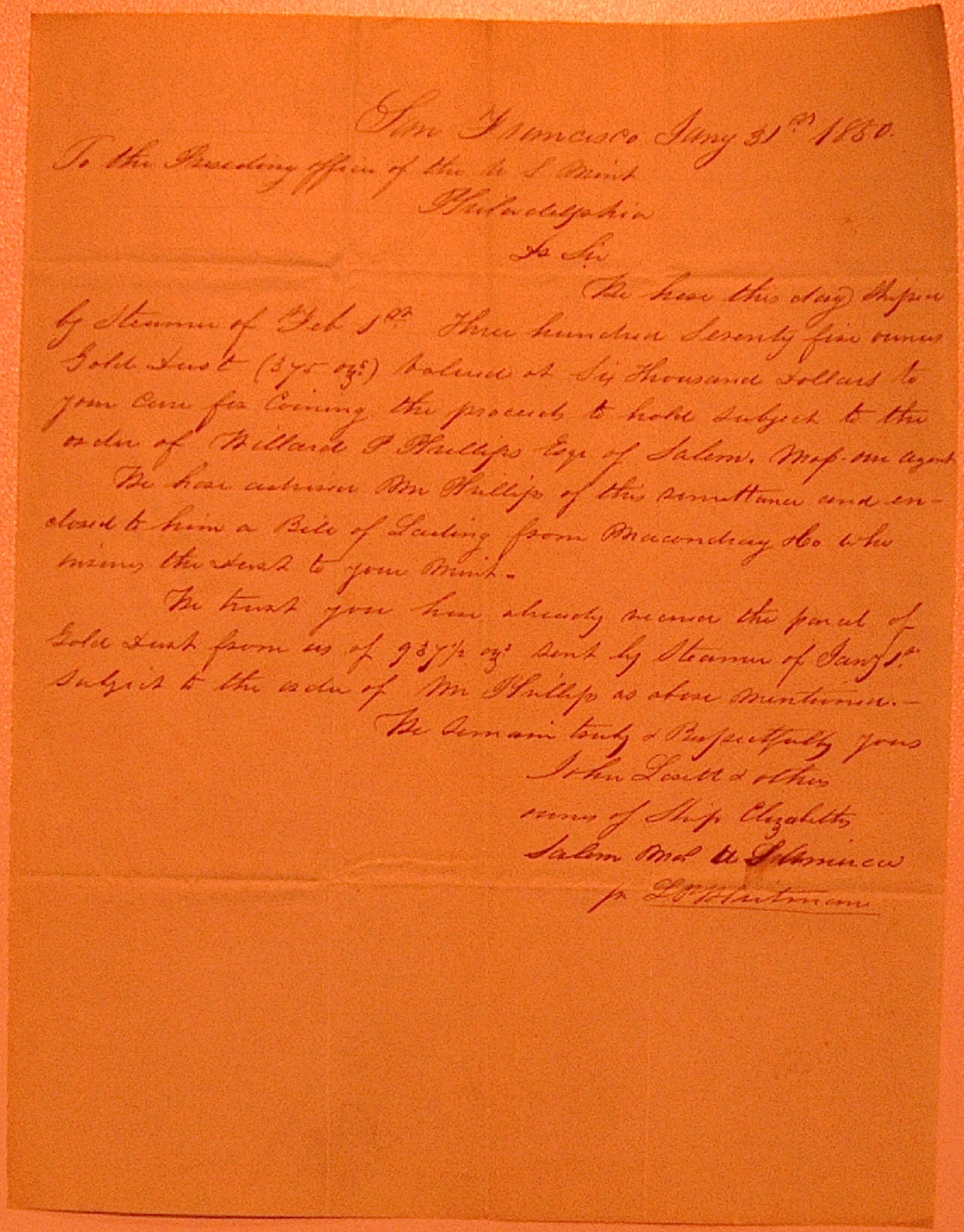
R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Dr. Sir

We are very much in want of $2000 Dols (in 2 Boxes of $1000 each) of dimes & half dimes which we hope you will oblige us with against amount of Gold dust deposited with mint on 20 Decr last or if required we will replace the amount in large Silver or Gold coin as you may decide.

We have given Messs Adams & Co an order to receive same for us if it should be satisfactory to you

Yours Truly
&c

Everett & Brown



San Francisco Jany 31st 1850

To the Presiding officer of the U S Mint
Philadelphia

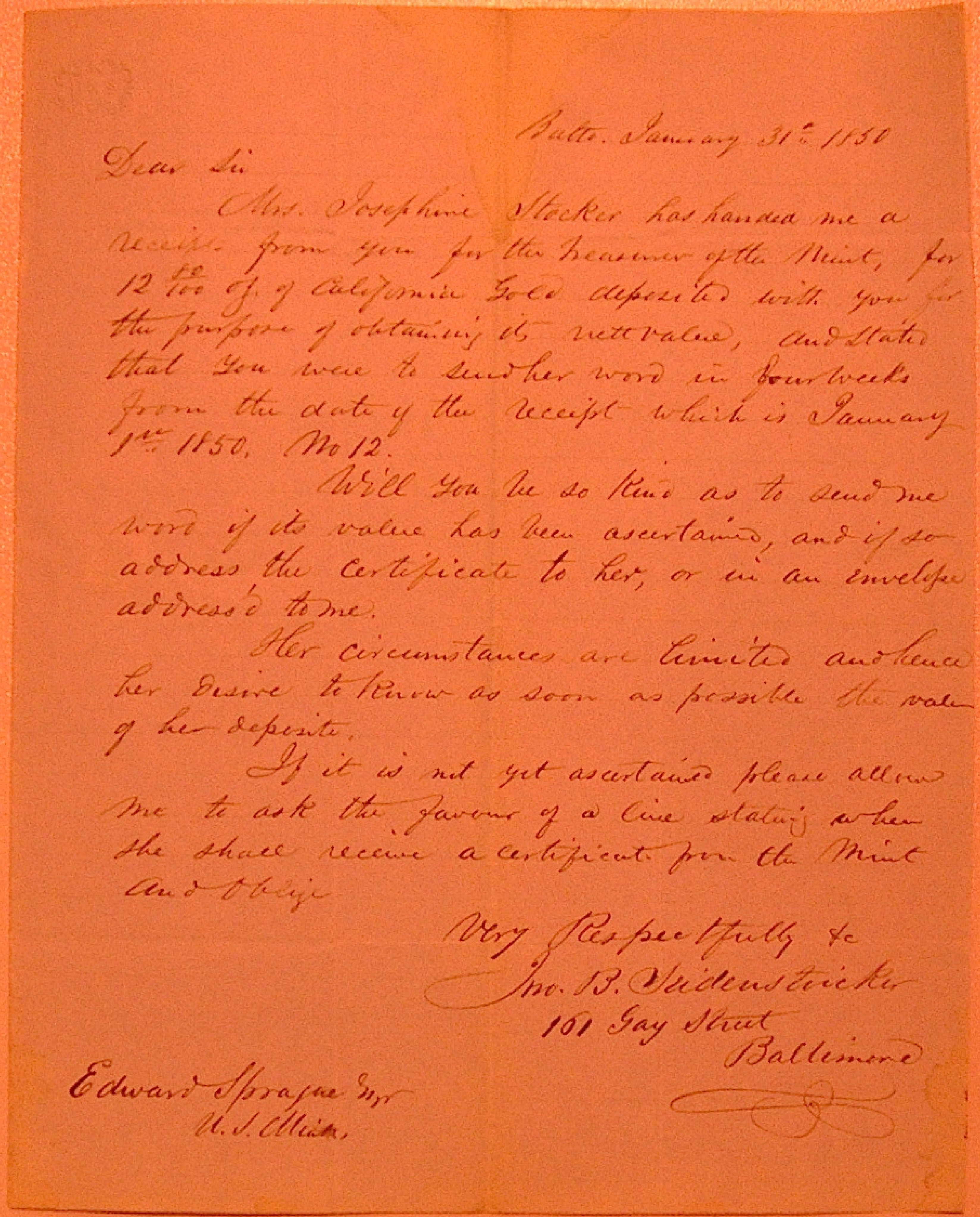
Dr Sir

We have this day shipped by Steamer of Feb 1st Three hundred Seventy five ounces Gold Dust (375 ozs) valued at Six Thousand Dollars to your care for Coining the proceeds to hold subject to the order of Willard P Phillips Esqr of Salem. Mass. our Agent

We have advised Mr Phillips of this remittance and enclosed to him a Bill of Lading from Macondray & Co who bring the dust to your Mint.

We trust you have already received the parcel of Gold Dust from us of 937½ ozs sent by Steamer of Jany 1st subject to the order of Mr Phillips as above mentioned.

We remain truly & Respectfully yours
John Lovett & others
owners of Ship Elizabeth
Salem Mas U States
pr L P Hartman



Balto. January 31st 1850

Dear Sir

Mrs. Josephine Stocker has handed me a receipt from you for the Treasurer of the Mint, for 12 60/100 oz. of California Gold deposited with you for the purpose of obtaining its nett value, and stated that You were to send her word in four weeks from the date of the receipt which is January 1st 1850. No 12.

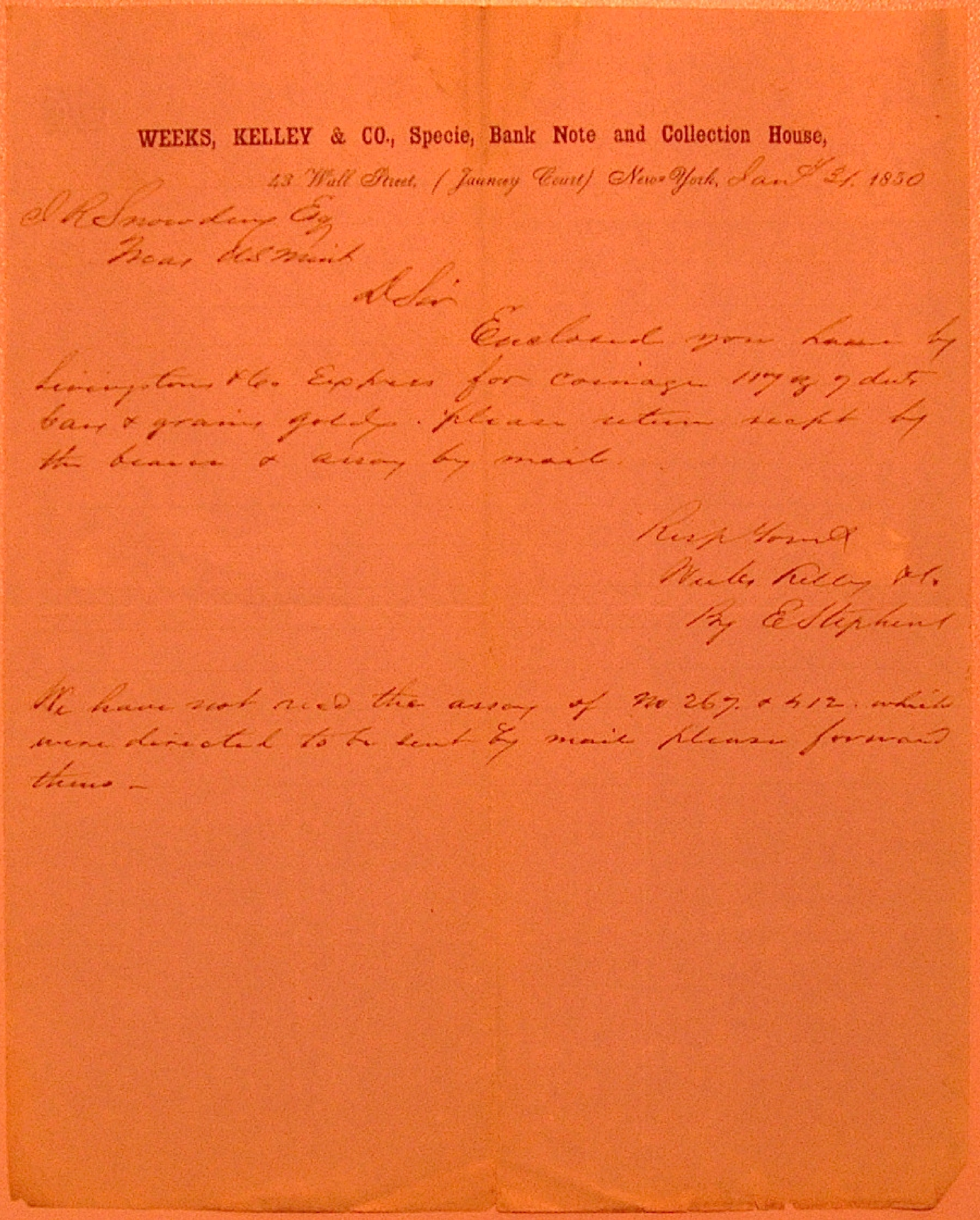
Will You be so Kind as to send me word if its value has been ascertained, and if so address the certificate to her, or in an envelope address'd to me.

Her circumstances are limited and hence her desire to Know as soon as possible the value of her deposite.

If it is not yet ascertained please allow me to ask the favour of a line stating when she shall receive a certificate from the Mint And Oblige

Very Respectfully &c
Jno. B. Seidenstricker
161 Gay Street
Baltimore

Edward Sprague Esqr
U. S. Mint.



WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Jany 21, 1850

J R Snowden Esq

Treas US Mint

D Sir

Enclosed you have by Livingston & Co Express for coinage 117 oz of dust bars & grains gold. please return receipt by the bearer & assay by mail.

Resp Yours

Weeks Kelley & Co

by E Stephens

We have not recd the assay of No 267 & 412 which were directed to be sent by mail please forward them –

1842

January- February

Mint of the United States,
Jan. 31, 1842.

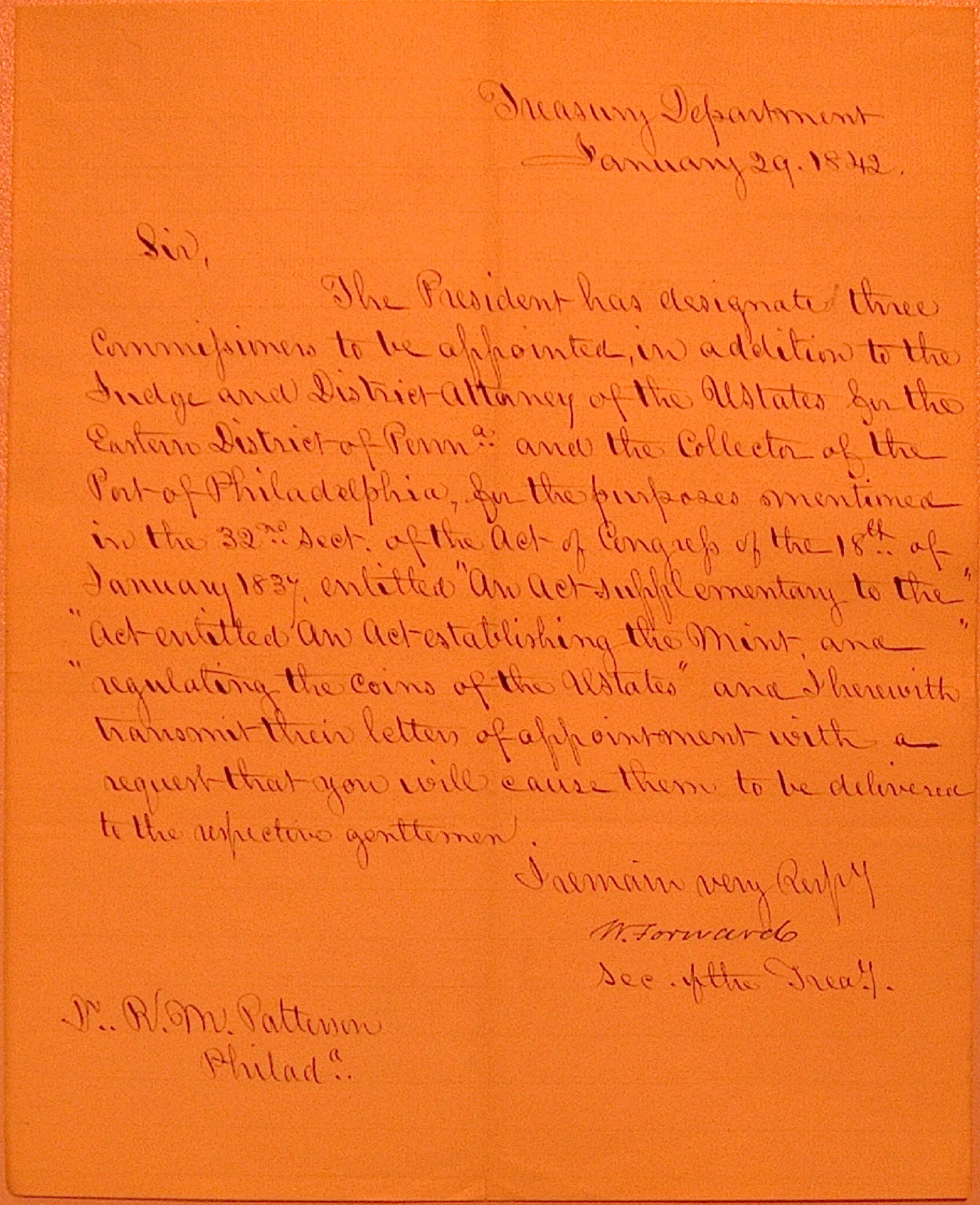
Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed communication, from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that you have been appointed, by the President of the United States, one of the Commissioners to attend the next annual assay at the Mint.

I pray you to inform me whether, (as I sincerely hope,) it will suit your convenience to accept this appointment; and, in that event, I have respectfully to request your attendance, at the Mint, on Monday, the $\overset{13}{14}$th proximo, at half past nine in the morning.

Very respectfully,
your faithful servant,
(Sig.d) R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To/
Hon. John B. Gibson,
~~Professor~~ Thomas P. Cope, Esq.,
Prof. Jas. C. Booth,



Treasury Department
January 29. 1842.

Sir,

The President has designated three Commissioners to be appointed, in addition to the Judge and District Attorney of the U States for the Eastern District of Penna. and the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, for the purposes mentioned in the 32nd. Sect. of the Act of Congress of the 18th. of January 1837, entitled "An Act supplementary to the" "Act entitled An Act establishing the Mint, and" "regulating the coins of the U States" and I herewith transmit their letters of appointment with a request that you will cause them to be delivered to the respective gentlemen.

I remain very Respy

W. Forward
Sec. of the Treasy.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philada.

(Private)

Mint U.S.
Jan. 25th, 1842.

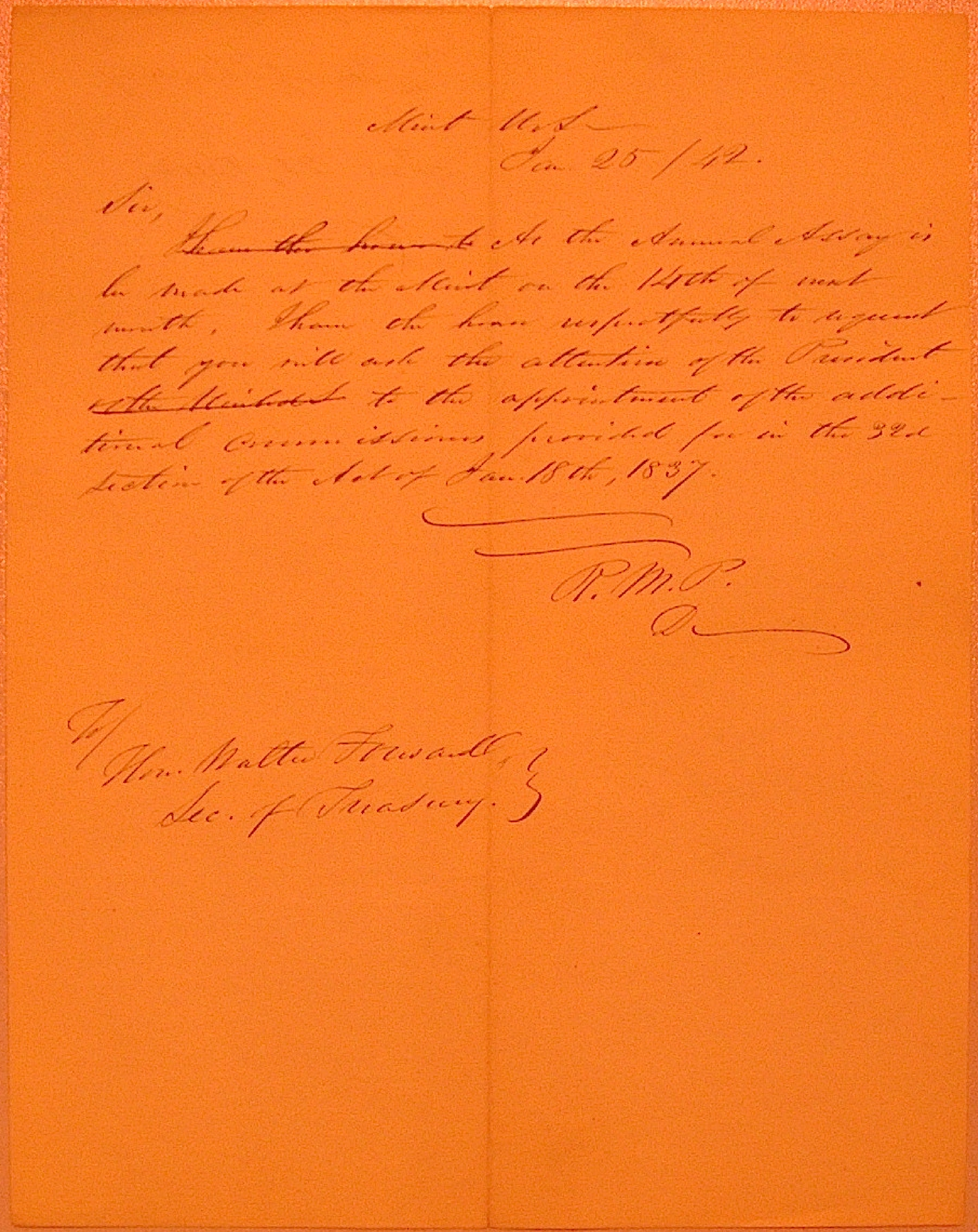
Sir,

I send herewith an official request for the appointment of the Additional Commissioners for our approaching Annual Assays and I take the liberty of suggesting the names of the Hon. John Bannister Gibson, Thomas P. Cope, Esq., and Professor James C. Booth, ~~all of~~

Of Chief Justice Gibson I need not speak, and you know that Mr. Cope has long been looked upon as the head of the mercantile interest in Philadelphia. Mr. Booth is Professor of Chemistry applied to the Arts, in the Franklin Institute, a man of science and of high character, ~~and peculiarly fitted~~ and well acquainted with the operations which are to be submitted to his judgment.

R. M. P.
D

To/ Hon. Walter Forward.



Mint U. S.
Jan 25 / 42.

Sir,

~~I have the honor to~~ As the Annual Assay is be made at the Mint on the 14th of next month, I have the honor respectfully to request that you will ask the attention of the President ~~of the United~~ to the appointment of the additional Commissioners provided for in the 32d Section of the Act of Jan 18th, 1837.

R. M. P.
D

To
Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.

Treasury Department
Registers Office Jan. 22d 1842

Sir

Under a Resolution of the Senate, the Secretary of the Treasury, is required to state "What amount of copper, and of gold and silver bullion and of coin for recoinage, has ~~been~~ each year been purchased from or deposited by individuals with the Mint and branch mints of the United States". From the tenor of the Resolution, it is presumed that the Statement should exhibit the information annually from the commencement of the Mint operations, and as from the loss of documents it cannot be made complete in this office, I have to request a Statement from records as respects the Mint in Philada.

I am respectfully
your Ob. Servt
T. L. Smith

Robert M. Patterson Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philada

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 20th, 1842.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., and it gives me pleasure to present the explanations for which you ~~ask~~ seek.

The appropriation asked and ~~given~~ granted for the Incidental and Contingent expenses of the Mint for 1841, was — "in addition to the ~~un~~ unexpended balance of the appropriation for 1841, $800." — It would have been more correct to say "in addition to the unexpended balance of former appropriations under the same head." — The enclosed statement will show that the real estimate ~~of expenditure under this~~ for the incidental and contingent expenses for 1841 was $32,800. — The whole estimated expenses of the Mint for that year amounted to ~~were~~ ~~being~~ $77,000, though you will see that, in consequence of balances on hand, profits of copper coinage, &c., the appropriation asked was but $45,000.

In making out the estimates for the present year, the ~~ex~~ whole expenses were again estimated at $77,000; and the estimate for the purchase of ores & coins having been reduced $800, that for incidental expenses ~~was~~ came to be raised

$800. This was not necessary, and did not attract my attention. ~~and~~ I shall be quite satisfied if the ~~estimate~~ real estimates of the two years be made the same, viz $32,800, which will reduce the above $20,600, to $19,800.

The ~~estimates~~ appropriations, under the same head, were, for 1835, $59,650, — for 1836, $51,100, — for 1837, $35,100. Certain balances on hand, together with ~~and~~ diminished expenses and profits on coinage, reduced those for 1838, '39, and '40, as well as that for 1841.

In reply to your inquiries respecting the Indian Medals, I beg leave, in the first place, to state, that the making of medals is no part of the ~~official~~ official duty of any officer of the Mint, and has never been so considered. ~~The Secretaries of War and of the Navy have indeed, generally (but not always) asked requested the Director of the Mint to make contracts with engage employ & pay the artists and workmen employed in preparing executing the medals for them which they were charged instructed to have prepared, and he has always taken charge done this cheerfully and without charge; but the if the Engraver or Coiner has always received compensation was employed in any part of the execution of the work, he was always received compensation for this extra-official labor.~~

When medals have been ~~ordered~~ voted by Congress, the Secretaries of War and of the Navy have, indeed, generally, (but not always,) asked the services of the Director of the Mint, in engaging artists and others, and superintending and paying for the work. These services have always been rendered cheerfully, and without charge. But if any strictly extra-official ~~duty~~ work was done by the Engraver or Coiner, these individuals ~~have~~ always received, for it a moderate compensation. ~~for it~~

Mr. Peale's estimate of the actual cost to him for executing the three dies for Indian medals, is $590, and includes the modelling of the head in wax, at Washington, the moulding and the casting in iron at Boston, the lettering and retouching and finishing of the dies by an engraver, & the forging and turning of the dies. His own charge, for the work done by himself, is therefore $210.

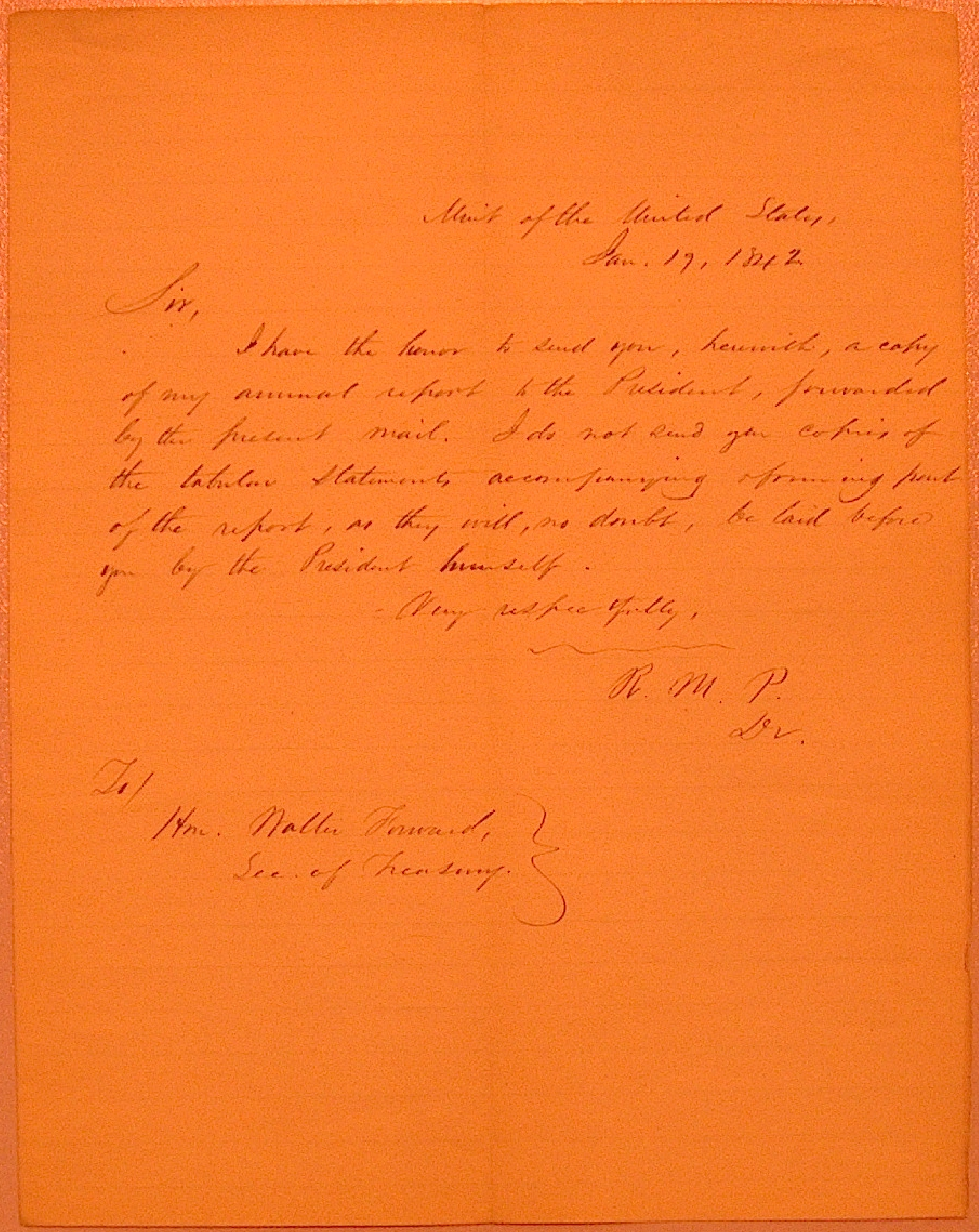
You speak of these services, proposed to be done by Mr. Peale, as either identical or irreconcilable with those required of him as Chief Coiner of the Mint. Identical they certainly are not; and they can only be irreconcilable, if they be allowed to interfere with ~~the execution of~~ the exercise of his official ~~duties~~ functions, and it is both his duty and mine to see that this do not occur.

You ask of what the item $283.80 for contingent expenses is composed. I cannot answer this question. What I have presented is an estimate and not a bill; and I believe the experience of any one who has ever made an estimate has proved to him the importance of providing an item for unforeseen contingencies. — In the present case, a die, after all the labor has been spent upon it, may break in hardening: ~~Mr. Ball Hughes offered to make the medallion likeness of the President in wax for $100: the Secretary of War has preferred~~ other. the fine silver employed may exceed the estimated weight: &c. In no case, however, of the same kind, that has been committed to my charge, has the actual cost equalled the estimate, and I hope this would not ~~be~~ occur now.

R. M. P.
D.

Hon. J. R. Ingersoll,
Com. Ways & Means
Washington.

To Hon. J. R. Ingersoll,
Com. Ways & Means.
Washington.
Jan. 20. 1842.



Mint of the United States,
Jan. 17, 1842.

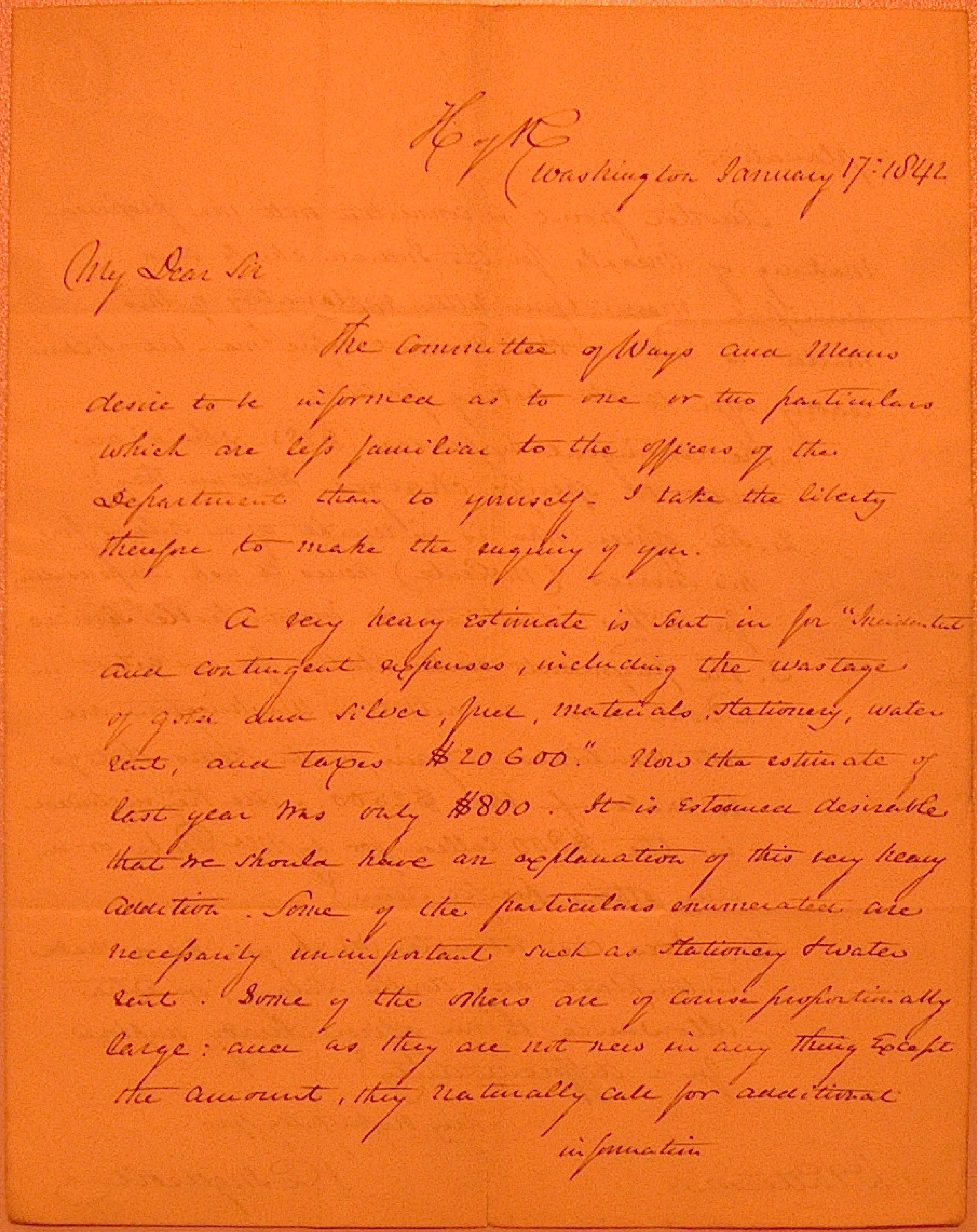
Sir,

I have the honor to send you, herewith, a copy of my annual report to the President, forwarded by the present mail. I do not send you copies of the tabular statements accompanying & forming part of the report, as they will, no doubt, be laid before you by the President himself.

Very respectfully,

R. M. P.
Dr.

To/
Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.



H of R Washington January 17. 1842

My Dear Sir

The Committee of Ways and Means desire to be informed as to one or two particulars which are less familiar to the officers of the Department than to yourself. I take the liberty therefore to make the enquiry of you.

A very heavy estimate is sent in for "Incidental and contingent expenses, including the wastage of gold and silver, fuel, materials, stationery, water rent, and taxes $20600." Now the estimate of last year was only $800. It is esteemed desirable that we should have an explanation of this very heavy addition. Some of the particulars enumerated are necessarily unimportant such as stationery & water rent. Some of the others are of course proportionally large: and as they are not new in any thing except the amount, they naturally call for additional

information

explanation.

Another point is connected with the proposed making of medals for the Indian chiefs and principal men. Your letter explanatory of this matter is not at this moment before me - but I can readily refer to the leading features.

1. The contingent expenses ($283 - I think) are added to specific charges. What are they?
2. The officer who is in receipt of a salary for his services (Mr Peale) seems to ask compensation for either identical or irreconcileable services.
3. The payments contemplated for an artist in Boston and an artist in Washington are not mentioned again, in the items that go to make up the $2500. - Are they included in the $800 called for by Mr Peale, or in any other specific item?
4. Does the estimate which you have made contemplate any double salary, or extra allowance to an officer already employed for a different duty?

Very respectfully yrs

Dr Patterson.

J R Ingersoll

Mint of the United States.
June 11th, 1842.

Gentlemen

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th, inst.; and I am sorry to be obliged to inform you that it is not in our power to comply with the instructions given as to the payment for your last invoice of planchets, amounting to $5017.60. — While in the midst of the operation of coining these planchets, the press broke down, and the injury done to it is so great, that it is not probable we shall be again able to coin cents for some weeks.

Under these circumstances, I have to beg ~~that you will divide your invoice in two, and present your bills accordingly~~ that you will present us a bill, or rather a receipt, on account, and I propose one of $2495.24, to be paid as follows:

To be remitted to yourselves,		$1030.24
"	Everett & Battelle,	770.
"	A. & S. Willets,	695.
		$2495.24

There will then remain due to you $2508.80, your whole account being made up as follows:

To be sent as above	$ 2495.24
Short weight,	5.56
Porterage,	8.00
Remaining due	2508.80
	$ 5017.60

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. P.

To
Mess. Crocker, Bro. & Co.
Taunton
Mass.

* You will of course take your own choice as to the proportions in which the proposed present payment is to be made. Those which we have given suit the amounts in the kegs on hand.

Dear Sir,

I send you some Specie on a/c of what I owe you which be pleased to receive although some of it is American coin. The whole sum to-day & to-morrow may be about $30000.

Yours truly

W D Lewis Csr

Jan 3.

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint

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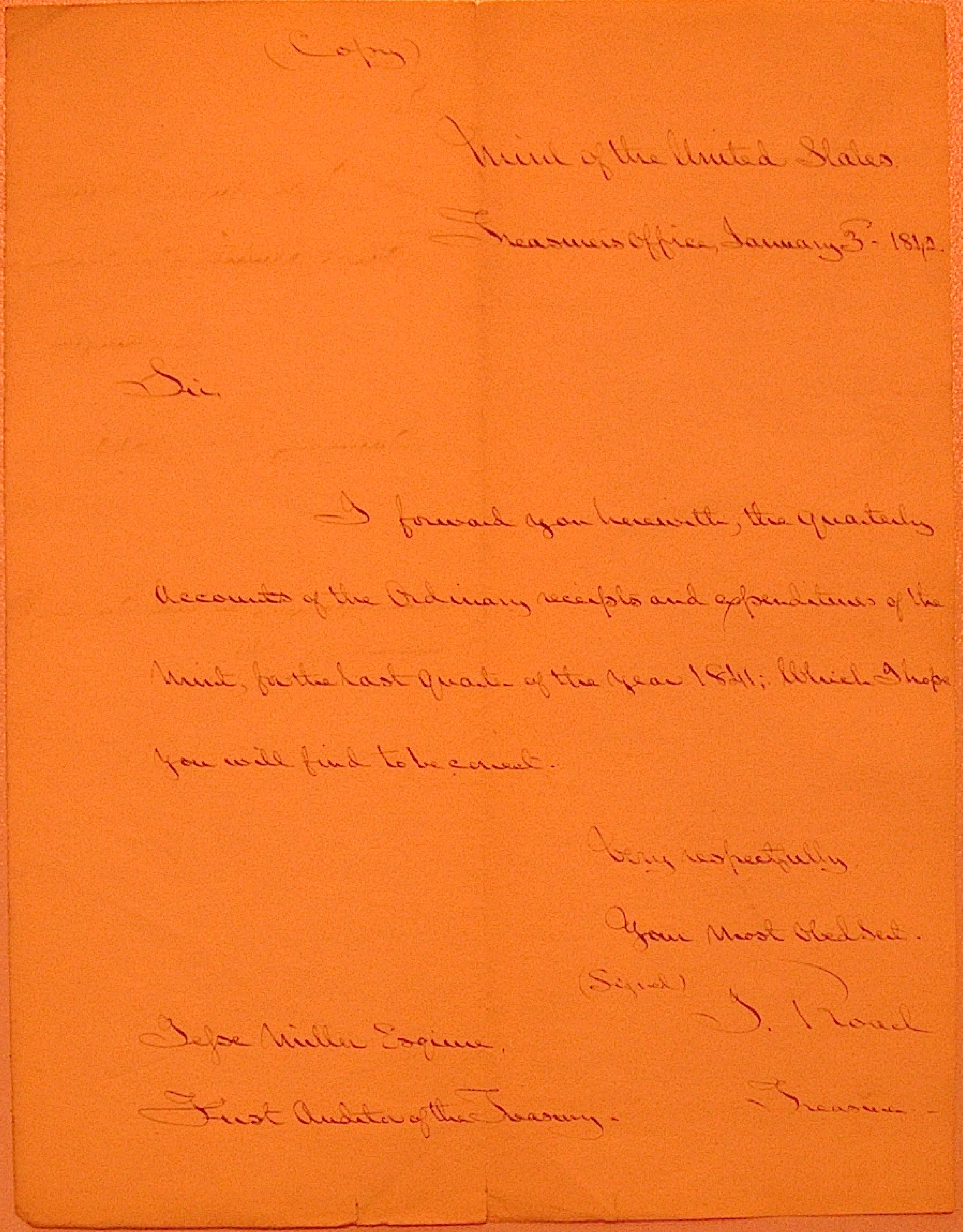
Director U S Mint



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Mint of the United States

Treasurer's Office, January 3 - 1842.

Sir,

I forward you herewith, the quarterly accounts of the Ordinary receipts and expenditures of the Mint, for the last Quarter of the year 1841; Which I hope you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully,

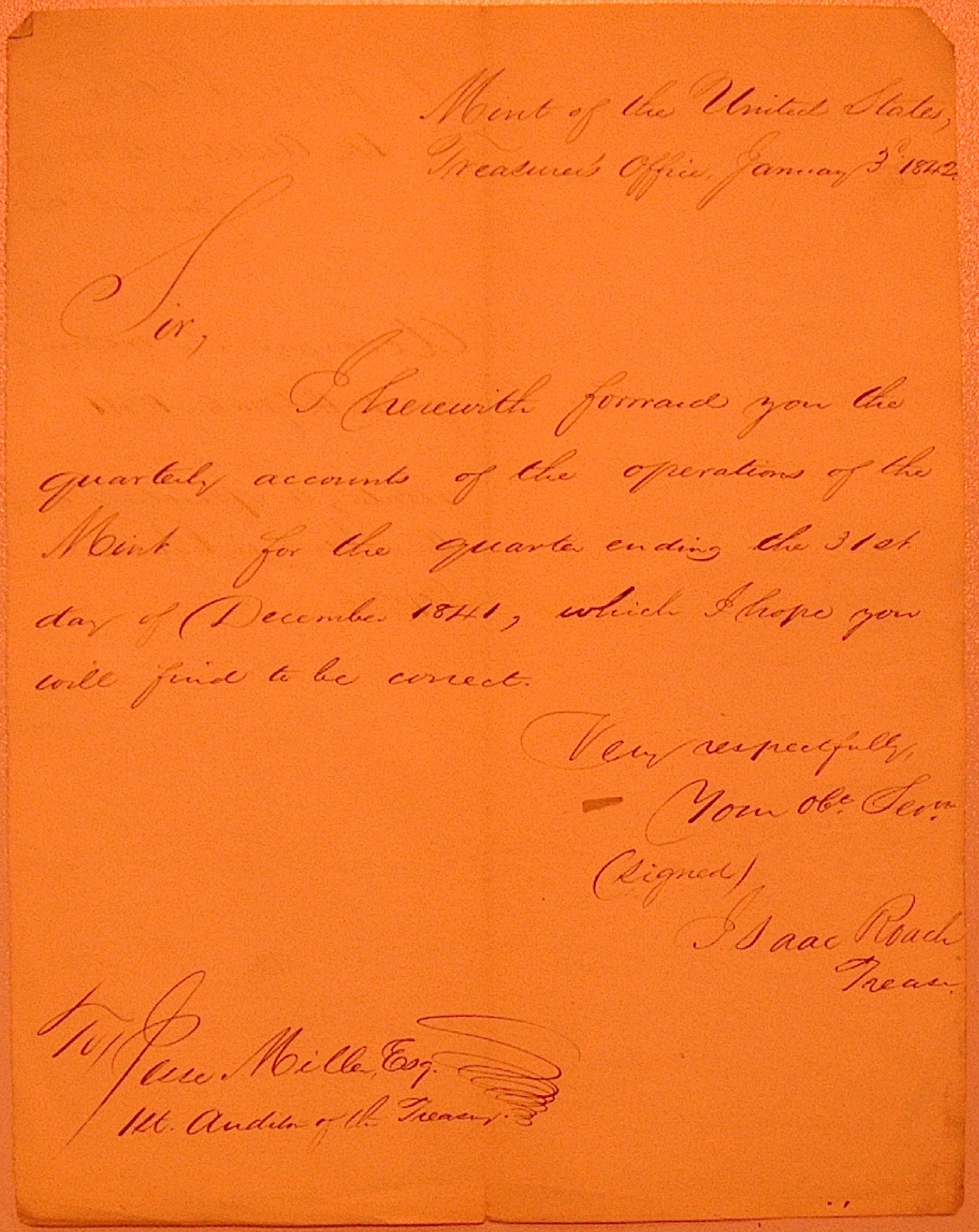
Your Most Obed Servt.

(Signed) I. Roach

Treasurer -

Jesse Miller Esquire,

First Auditor of the Treasury -



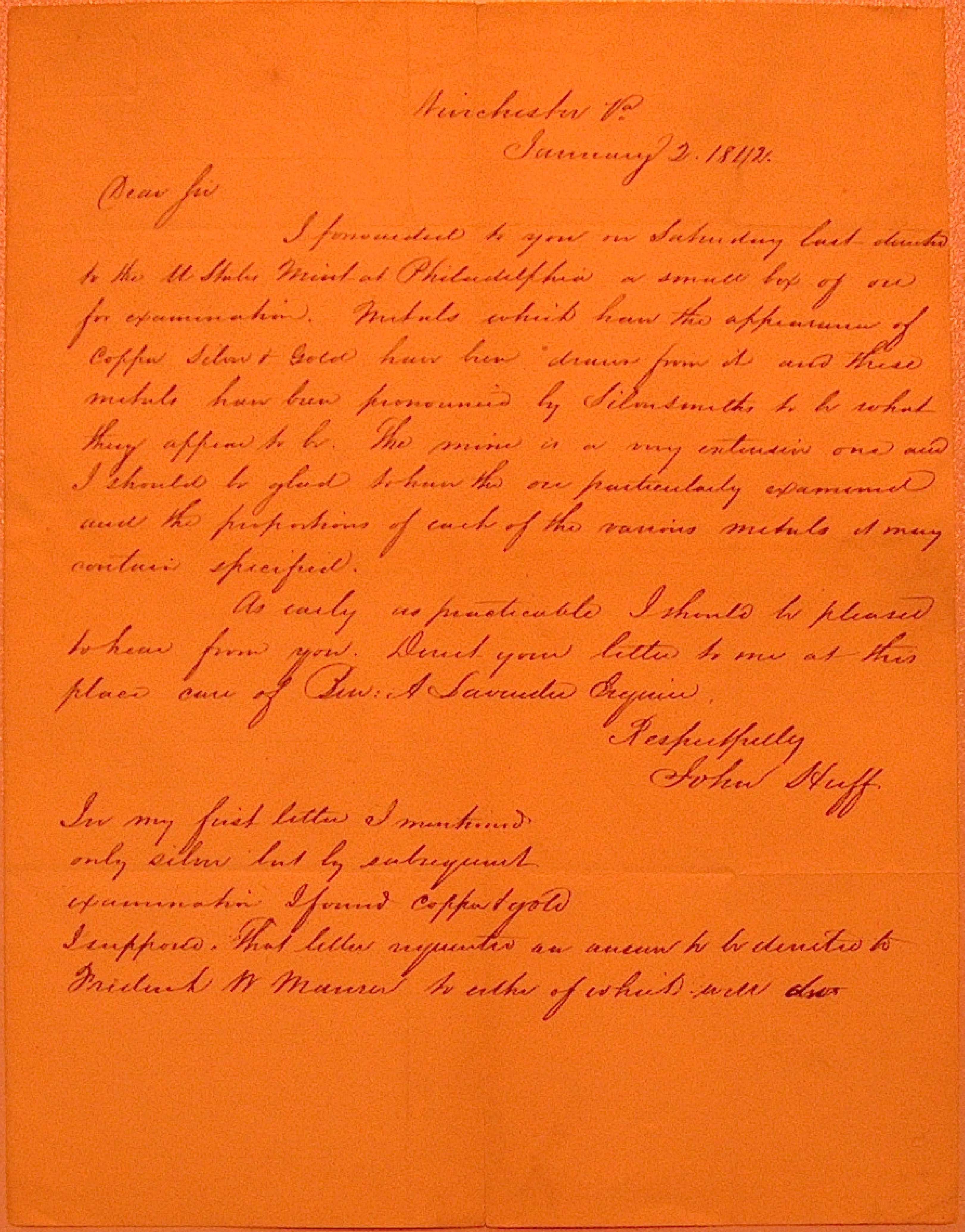
Mint of the United States,
Treasurer's Office, January 3d 1842.

Sir,

I herewith forward you the quarterly accounts of the operations of the Mint for the quarter ending the 31st. day of December 1841, which I hope you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed)
Isaac Roach
Treasr.

To/ Jesse Miller, Esq.
1st. Auditor of the Treasury.



Winchester Va
January 2. 1842.

Dear Sir

I forwarded to you on Saturday last directed to the U States Mint at Philadelphia a small box of ore for examination. Metals which have the appearance of Copper Silver & Gold have been drawn from it and these metals have been pronounced by Silversmiths to be what they appear to be. The mine is a very extensive one and I should be glad to have the ore particularly examined and the proportions of each of the various metals it may contain specified.

As early as practicable I should be pleased to hear from you. Direct your letter to me at this place care of Ben: A Lavender Esquire.

Respectfully
John Huff

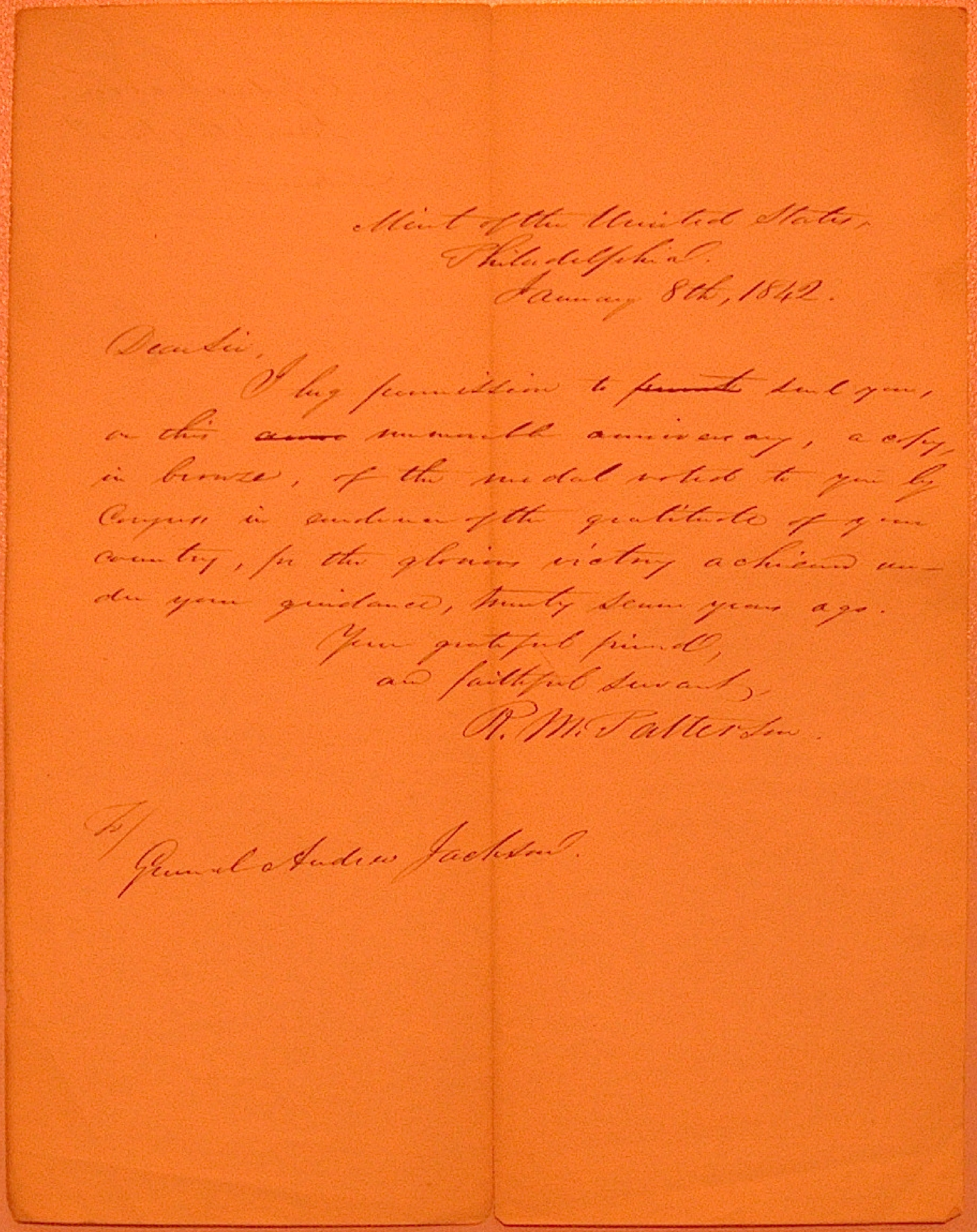
In my first letter I mentioned
only silver but by subsequent
examination I found copper & gold
I supposed. That letter requested an answer to be directed to
Frederick W Maurer to either of which will do

New York 1st Jany 1842

R.M. Patterson Esq
Mint U.S.
Phila

We this day forward by the bearer Mr Shipman Canister No 53 Gold Dust & Bullion — In it is a Broken Bar which you will much oblige us by assaying separate

Very respectfully yours
Bagley & Kirtland



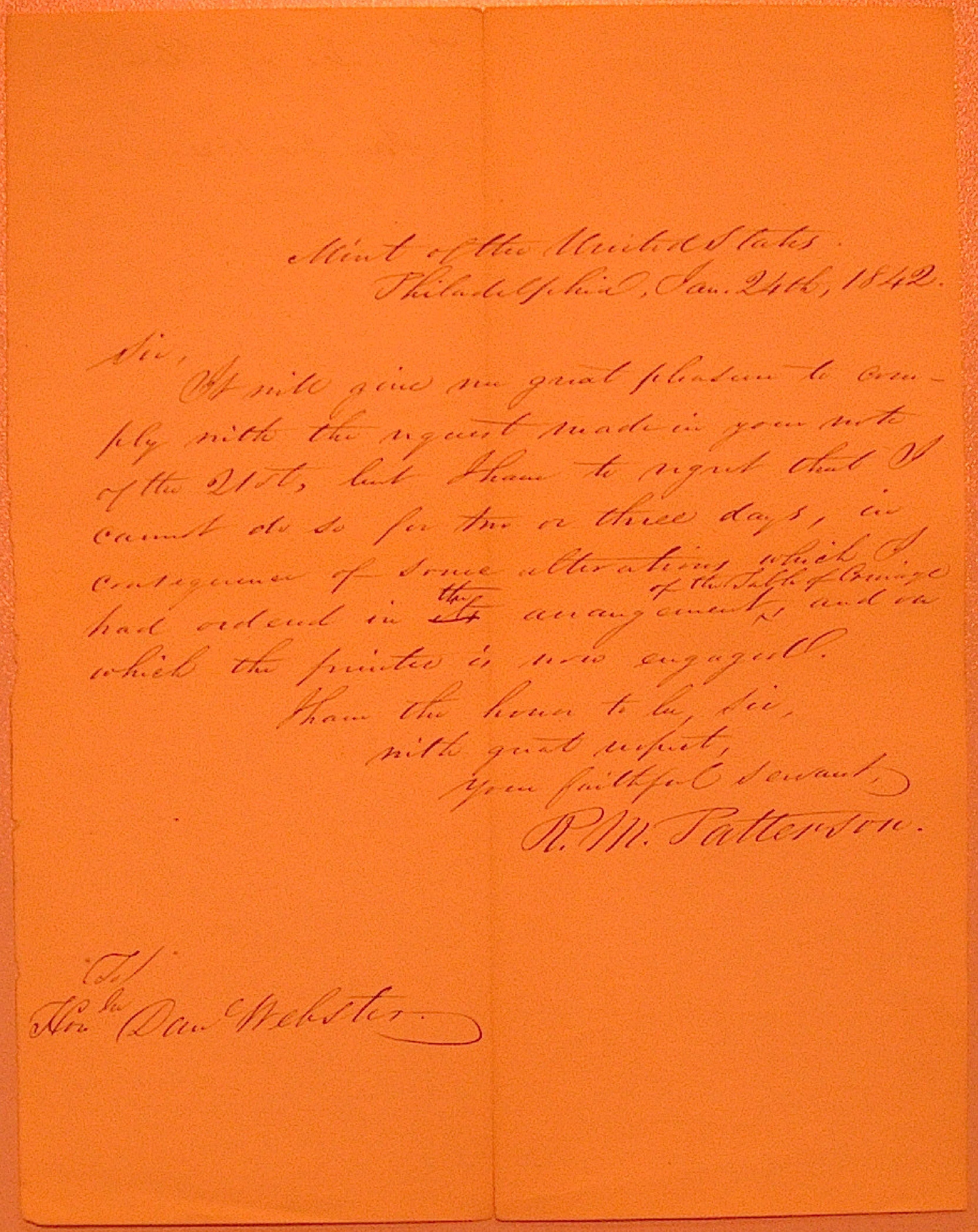
Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia.
January 8th, 1842.

Dear Sir,

I beg permission to ~~present~~ send you, on this ~~[illegible]~~ memorable anniversary, a copy, in bronze, of the medal voted to you by Congress in evidence of the gratitude of your country, for the glorious victory achieved under your guidance, twenty seven years ago.

Your grateful friend,
and faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson.

To/
General Andrew Jackson.



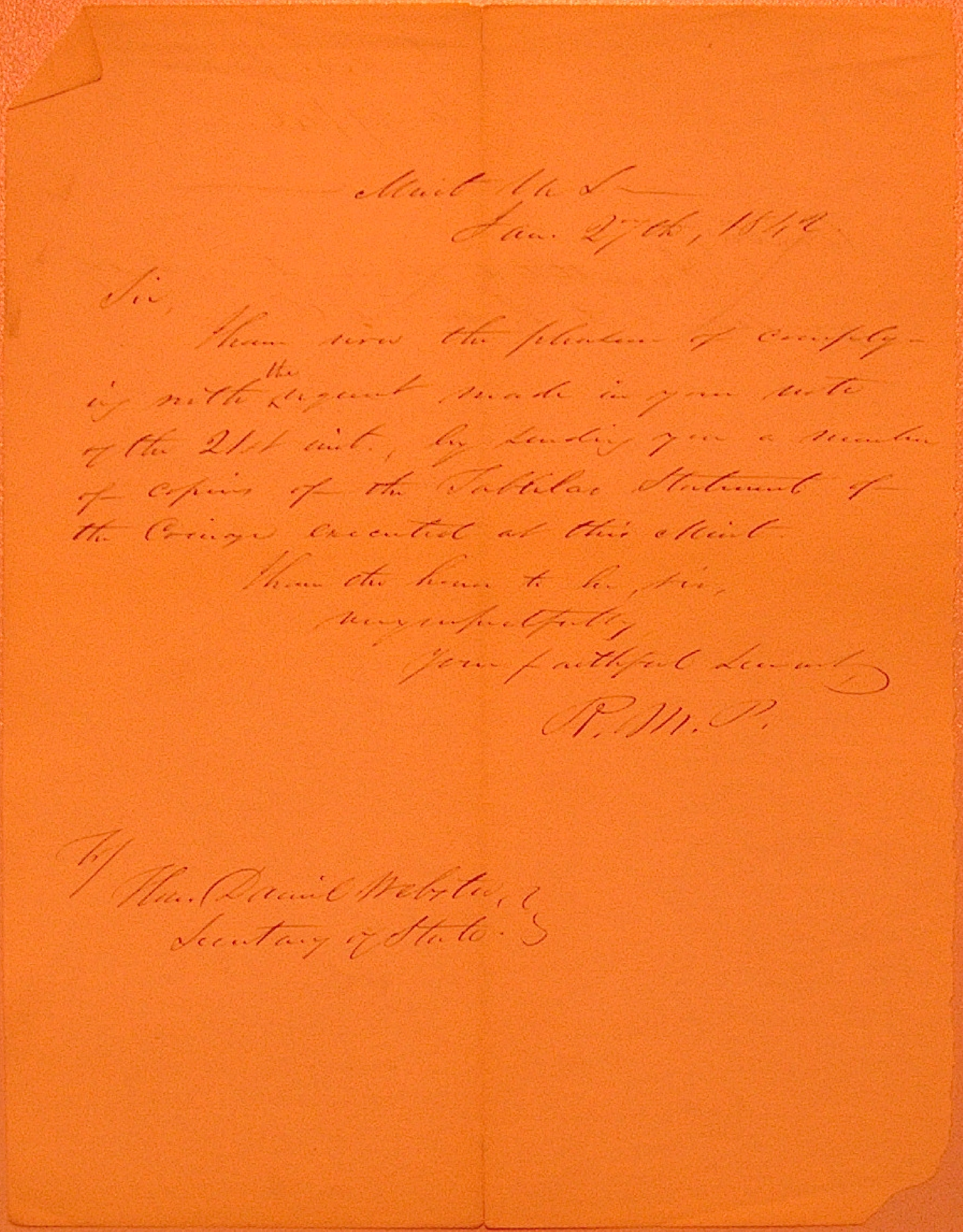
Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 24th, 1842.

Sir,

It will give me great pleasure to comply with the request made in your note of the 21st, but I have to regret that I cannot do so for two or three days, in consequence of some alterations which I had ordered in ~~its~~ the arrangement of the Table of Coinage, and on which the printer is now engaged.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson.

To
Honble Danl Webster.



Mint U. S.
Jan. 27th, 1842.

Sir,

I have now the pleasure of complying with the request made in your note of the 21st inst., by sending you a number of copies of the Tabular Statement of the Coinage executed at this Mint.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. P.

To
Hon. Daniel Webster,
Secretary of State.

Mint of the United States.
Feb. 25th, 1842.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d inst., and am happy to find that the Committee on Finance have their attention directed to the erroneous valuation given to foreign gold coins by the existing laws.

You make inquiry as to the gold coins of Peru, Chile, &c., and ask whether I think it desirable that they should be made current in the United States, at the rates ascertained by our assays. I answer ~~that~~ in the negative; first, because they are by no means abundant in this country; secondly, because they vacillate in value, — the assays at different times not agreeing; thirdly, because their commercial value is much above their intrinsic value, so that any legislation, such as that in question, would be rendered nugatory. I deem it quite useless also to ~~include~~ legislate with regard to the gold coins of Portugal and Brazil, which are rarely met with among us, and which command in the market a higher price than a just law could give them. I would therefore respectfully recommend that the act which you propose with regard to foreign gold coins should be confined to those of Great Britain and France.

One should always speak with caution as to the present divisions of the States of Spanish America, but I believe that ~~Columbia~~ that was formerly Colombia is now divided into three ~~separate~~ distinct States – Venezuela, New Grenada, and Ecuador. The Mints of Bogota and Popayan are both in New Grenada, ~~but I think that there~~ ~~a~~ do not know that there has been any coinage of doubloons in the latter of these mints, since 1836, when they were found so inferior. The gold coins of Quito, in Ecuador, are also defective as to fineness.

As you propose ~~[illegible]~~ to introduce new legislation as to foreign gold coins, I would suggest the propriety of extending the act so as to include all foreign silver coins which it is desirable to legalize as currency in the United States. At present the only legal provisions in force on this subject, are the 2d Sect of the act of Feb. 9. 1793, and the act of June 28th 1834. The first of these makes the Spanish Milled dollar and its parts legal tenders at their nominal values. The second ~~extends~~ includes the dollars of Mexico, Peru, Chile, and Central America, and the French five-franc piece.

What was formerly called the Spanish Milled dollar was almost exclusively a coinage of Spanish America, ~~and it lost its name~~ It is now known as the pillar dollar, having lost its former designation, because all dollars and indeed nearly all coins are now milled, or have their edges raised and impressions of some kind made upon them. ~~by machinery~~ I believe that there has been no coinage of these dollars for twenty years. – The dollars of Chile and Central America are very rarely met with,

and it would seem as if it were unnecessary to legislate with regard to them. Indeed, the Spanish American ~~[illegible]~~ silver coinage now found in the United States, may be considered as ~~are~~ practically limited to the old pillar dollars, and the dollars of Mexico, Peru, and Bolivia, and the parts of these coins. These parts of dollars, (halves, quarters, eighths and sixteenths,) ought not, I think, to be admitted as a legal currency in the United States. The fractions of the old Spanish American Coinage, made current by the act of 1793, are so worn as to be nearly all under weight, and these are the only small foreign coins now a legal tender in this country. Many of the other Spanish American small coins are not only light, but debased. There have been recently large issues of halves and quarters in Peru and Bolivia, worth but 36 and 18 cents respectively.

I hope you will excuse me for the liberty I take of sending you the enclosed project of such a law as I think it would be desirable to adopt with regard to the currency of foreign coins, if it be still thought too early to throw all foreign gold out of circulation as a legal tender.

R. M. P.

To/ Hon. Geo. Evans,
Chairman Com. on Finance,
U. S. Senate.

Facts for a reply to Mr. Evans

The act of Ap. 10, 1806 legalizing the coins of the "possessions of Spain in America" is presumed to extend to those countries, as independent nations; consequently, Peru, Chili &c. are included.

It is not desirable to legalize, or make current, their coins, because 1. The doubloons are not abundant in this country – 2. They vacillate in value, 3. Their commercial value is largely above the intrinsic, almost constantly, which of itself w.d render any legislation nugatory. And 4. As to the silver, they are uncertain in value, and subject to sudden & gross debasements. ~~are altered from time to time in making gross debasements~~; the latest dollar from New Granada is worth no more than 65 cents; & there have recently been large issues of halves and quarters in Peru & Bolivia, worth 36 and 18 cents, respectively. The dollars of the Argentine Republic vary from 95 to 105 cents.

We have not rec.d any "Popayan" doubloons, since New Grenada was established as a distinct nation, tho' it belongs to that part of former Colombia, as does "Bogota", where better doubloons were coined.

The gold coins of Quito, in Ecuador, (formerly a state of Colombia) are also inferior in fineness, as far as tried.

No Spanish milled dollars have been struck for about 20 years. — Per an American Coin

The great body of Sp. milled doll. were coined in America; only a few being struck in Spain proper, of no importance in commerce. the Sp. Amer. dollars ceased to be coined about 20 years ago; and on an average, they are not now worth ~~worth~~ more than 99½ cents; the parts are still more reduced (by wear) in proportion.

An Act regulating the currency of foreign gold and silver coins in the United States.

~~Sect. 1~~ Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, the following foreign gold coins shall pass current as money within the United States, and be receivable by weight, for the payment of all debts and demands, at the rates following; that is to say, the gold coins of Great Britain, of not less than nine hundred and fifteen and a half thousandths in fineness, at ninety four cents and six tenths of a cent per pennyweight; and the gold coins of France, of not less than eight hundred and ninety nine thousandths in fineness, at ninety two cents and nine tenths of a cent per pennyweight.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passage of this act, the following foreign silver coins shall pass current as money within the United States, and be receivable, by tale, for the payment of all debts and demands, at the rates following: that is to say, — the Spanish pillar dollars, and the dollars of Mexico, Peru, and Bolivia, of not less than eight hundred and ninety seven thousandths in fineness, and four hundred and fifteen grains in weight, at one hundred cents each; and the five-franc pieces of France, of not less than nine hundred thousandths in fineness, and three hundred and eighty four grains in weight, at ninety three cents each.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause assays of the coins made current by this act, to be had at the Mint of the United States, at least once in every year, and to make report of the result thereof to Congress.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, that all acts and parts of acts, ~~making foreign~~ heretofore passed, making foreign coins current in the United States, be and the same are hereby repealed.

P.S. Feb. 26th. — Not having been able to mail ~~the~~ my letter last evening, I take advantage of the delay to add some explanations with ~~the~~ regard to the omission of the dollars of Chile and Central America, and the restamped dollar of Brazil, from the draught of a bill which I have sent to you. —

We have authentic returns of the coinage of Chile, from which it appears that from 1826 to 1830, the coinage of silver averaged $353,000 annually; and that, since this period up to 1835 inclusive the average has been but $39,000. It is not surprising therefore that the Chilian dollar should now be so rarely met with in the United States. — From Central America we have no returns, but we know the coinage of silver to be very trifling. It is not without difficulty that we find specimens for assay. —

It does not appear that dollars are any longer restamped in Brazil. The last date of such a dollar that we have met with is 1826. The present currency of Brazil is almost exclusively copper & paper.

R. M. P.

Department of War
Washington Feb. 25th '42.

Sir,

It is the impression of the Department, that at the period of its last communication with you, the only medals yet wanting to complete the collection upon which you are engaged, were, that commemorative of the capture of André, and those awarded to Major De Fleury, and Capt. Stewart.

Will you please to inform the Department whether this impression is correct and, if so, whether the efforts you kindly proffered have since resulted in the procurement of all or any of said medals. It is believed that a copy of the André medal is in the collection

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Dr R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia

Mr. Webster and if you have not obtained one, measures will be taken to obtain and transmit it. Kosciusko's will be forwarded in a few days.

Very respy
Your obt. Servt.
J. C. Spencer

P.S. I have just learned that the Medal to Genl. Lee on the occasion of his attack at Paulus-Hook was never struck, owing to an accidental fracture of the die, before it could be effected; but a memorial is now before Congress praying its restoration.

Bank of the State of No. Carolina
18 February 1842

Robt. M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint, Philada.

Dr. Sir

At the request of B. S. Gaither Esq. I enclose you my check on Farmers & Mech. Bk. Philadelphia for One Hundred & forty six 76/100 dollars — the receipt of which please acknowledge to him

Very respectfully
Yr. Mo. Obt.
C. Dewey Ca

Treasury of the United States,

16 Feby — 1842 —

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive 107 ——— Treasury Notes made payable to your order, amounting to $7.700 — ; also a receipt, in detail, therefor, which you will please to sign and return to this office, by return of mail, the same being necessary as a voucher for the payment of the Warrant upon which they were issued.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

Isaac Roach Esqr

(Copy) Mint of the United States

Treasurer's Office, February 19th 1842.

Sir

I have received your letter of 16th February 1842, together with the following Treasury Notes, payable to my order, viz.

No 2005 to No 2051 - 47 of $ 100. each = $ 4.700
No 2611 to No 2670. 60 of 50. each = 3.000
6% - 5 Emn - - 107 amounting to - $ 7.700

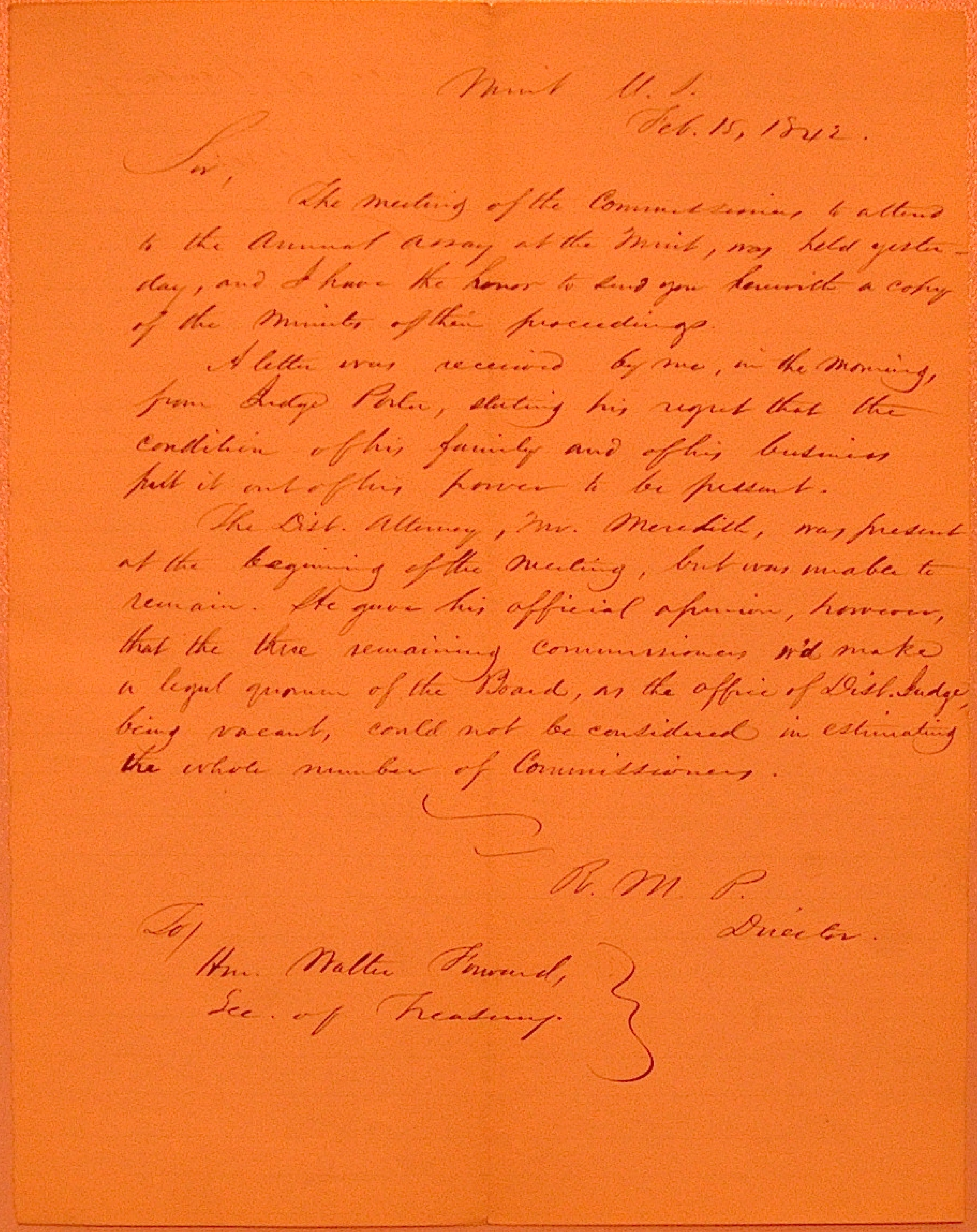
Issued a Treasury Warrant No 349 - - in my favor for that amount

I am Sir, your obedient Servant,

(Signed) I Roach

Treasurer

William Selden, Esq
Treasurer of the United States.



Mint U. S.
Feb. 15, 1842.

Sir,

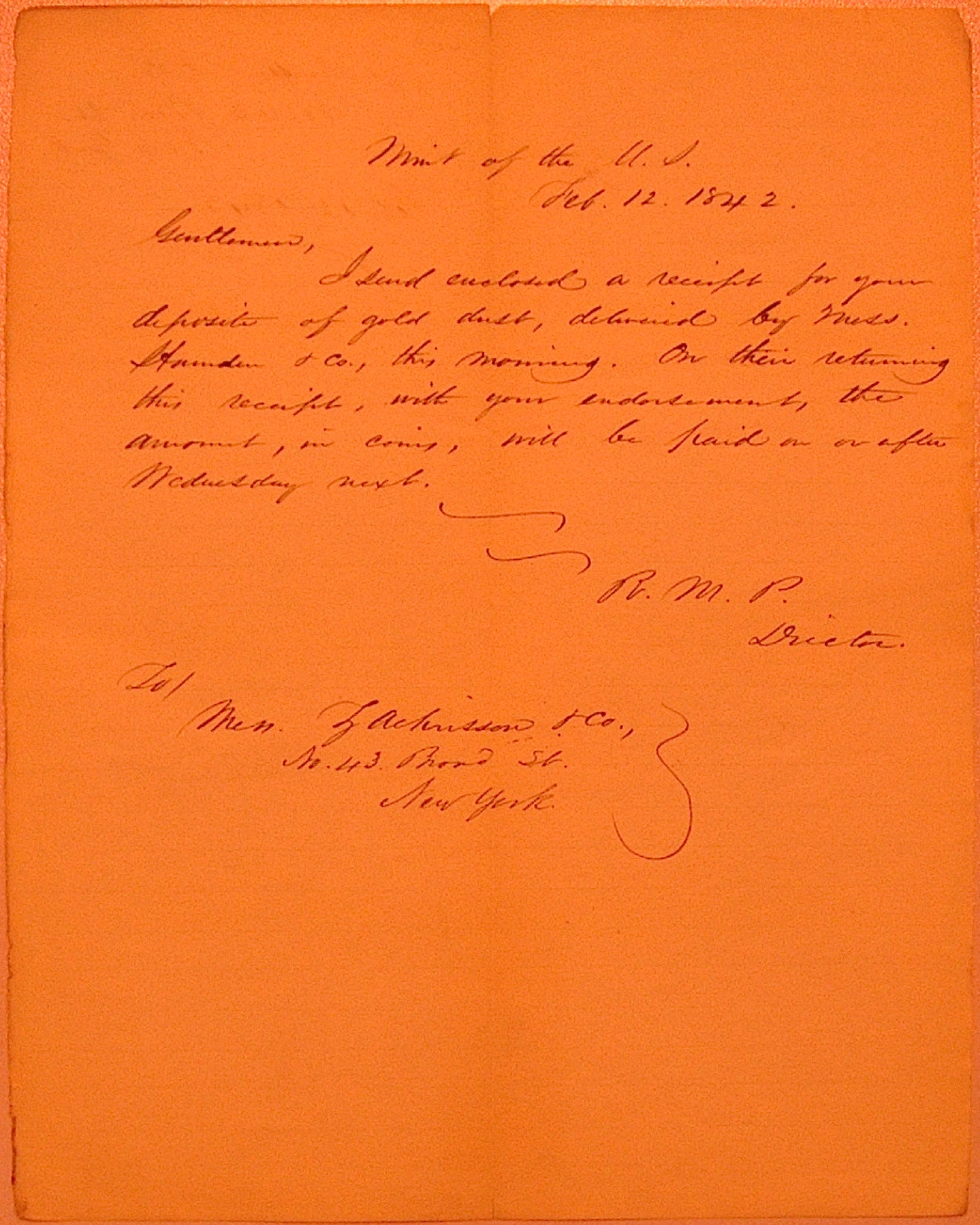
The meeting of the Commissioners, to attend to the Annual Assay at the Mint, was held yesterday, and I have the honor to send you herewith a copy of the Minutes of their proceedings.

A letter was received by me, in the Morning, from Judge Porter, stating his regret that the condition of his family and of his business put it out of his power to be present.

The Dist. Attorney, Mr. Meredith, was present at the beginning of the meeting, but was unable to remain. He gave his official opinion, however, that the three remaining commissioners w^{d} make a legal quorum of the Board, as the office of Dist. Judge, being vacant, could not be considered in estimating the whole number of Commissioners.

R. M. P.
Director.

To/
Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.



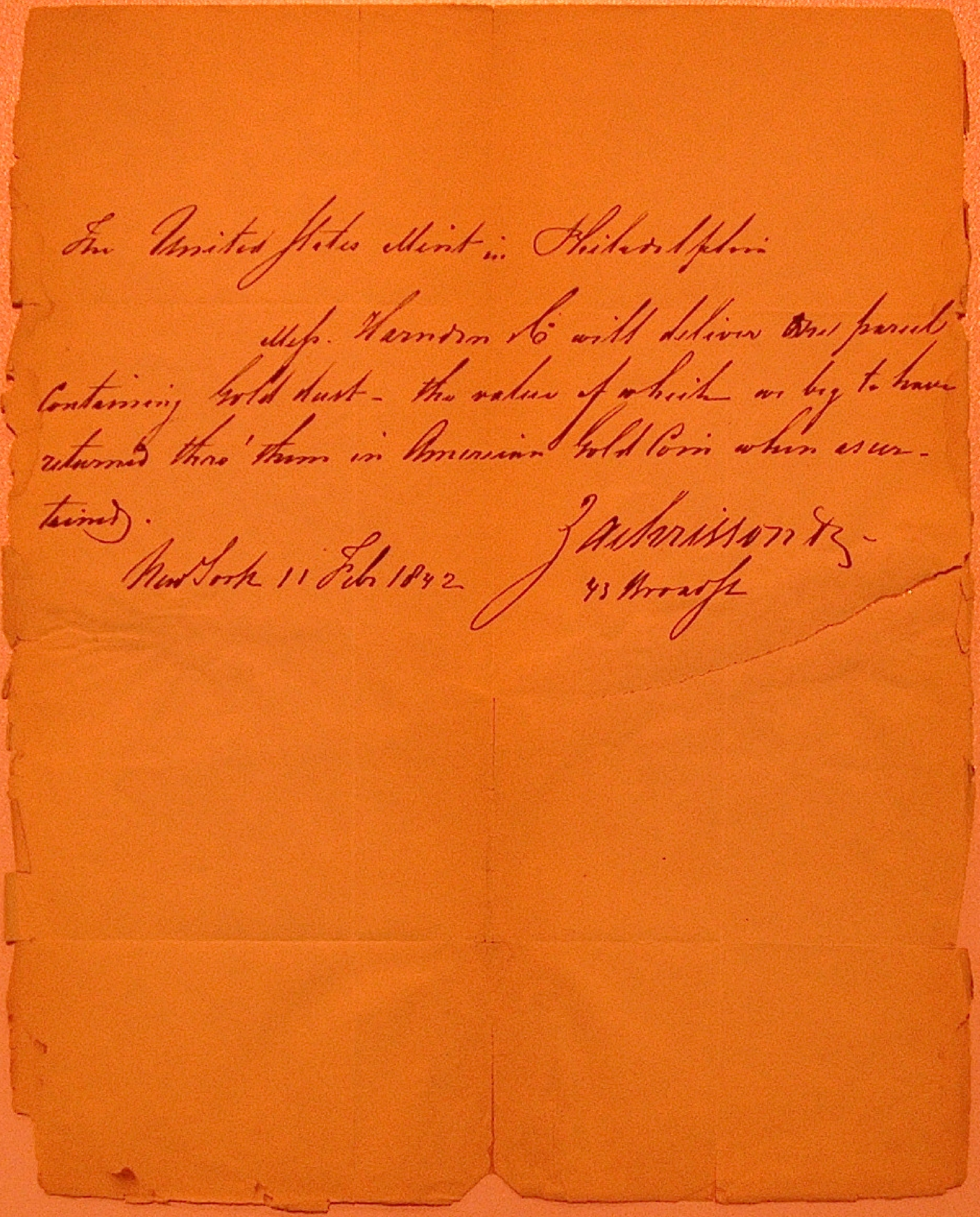
Mint of the U. S.
Feb. 12. 1842.

Gentlemen,

I send enclosed a receipt for your deposite of gold dust, delivered by Mess. Harnden & Co., this morning. On their returning this receipt, with your endorsement, the amount, in coins, will be paid on or after Wednesday next.

R. M. P.
Director.

To/
Mess. L. Atkinson & Co.,
No. 43. Broad St.
New York.



The United States Mint in Philadelphia

Mess. Harnden & Co will deliver One parcel containing Gold dust – the value of which we beg to have returned thro' them in American Gold Coin when ascertained.

New York 11 Feb 1842

J. Ackrisson & Co
43 Broad St

Mint of the United States,
Feb. 11, 1842.

Sir,

I take the liberty of reminding you that the Annual Assay at the Mint, for which you are a Commissioner, will commence on Monday morning next, at 9½ o'clock.

Very respectfully,
your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Thos. P. Cope Esq., Philad.
#Jas. M. Porter, Esq., Easton
Prof. Jas. C. Booth, Philada.

P. S. As your attendance will probably be required ~~[illegible]~~ for some hours, I beg to mention that a lunch will be prepared which may perhaps take the place of a dinner.

Not sent to Judge Porter.

Mint of the United States.
February 11th, 1842.

Sir,

In compliance with ~~the~~ the provisions of the acts of Congress of April 10, 1806, and of June 25th and June 28th 1834, I have the honor to submit ~~to you~~ the following report of the fineness, and of the value by weight, of certain gold and silver coins specified in these acts.

I have repeatedly ~~called~~ asked attention to the ~~circumst fact~~ circumstance that the act of June 28th 1834 gave ~~an over~~ too high a valuation to foreign gold coins. ~~The following compound statement will present~~ To exhibit this fact in a clear point of view, I ~~now~~ present the following comparison of the value of these coins per pennyweight, as established by the act in question, and as shown by assays at the Mint.

Gold coins of	Value by law		Value by Assay.	
Great Britain	94.80	cents	94.62	cents
Portugal	94.80	"	94.46	"
Brazil	94.80	"	94.46	"
France	93.10	"	92.92	"
Spain	89.90	"	89.57	"
Mexico	89.90	"	89.57	"
Colombia (Bogota)	89.90	"	89.92	"
" (Popayan)	"		88.68	"

This general over valuation of foreign gold coins has its origin in two circumstances. The first is that the coins in question were assumed to ~~have~~ reach their legal standards,— an assumption not confirmed by our assays. Thus, for example, the ~~standard~~ fineness of the coins of Great Britain, Portugal, and Brazil, ~~are~~ is estimated at 22 carats, (corresponding to 916⅔ thousandths,) whereas our assays show the first to be but 915.5 and the two last but 914 thousandths. A second ~~cause~~ cause of this over-valuation ~~arises~~ originates from the fact, that, by the law of Jan. 18, 1837, the standard of our ~~own~~ gold coins was raised from 899.225 thous. to 900. while their weight remained ~~unchanged; so that~~ unaltered;— ~~the value of American gold per pennyweight was raised from to~~ ~~so that there is more pure gold in the same nominal value of our gold coins now, than there was when the act was~~ ~~passed~~ ~~adopted which regulates the price at which foreign coins shall pass current.~~ so that pure gold in our coins is ~~was~~ held at a somewhat ~~greater~~ less nominal value ~~than then now before~~ since the change of standard than ~~since~~ it was before. A corresponding ~~change~~ diminution was of course called for in the legal value given to the pure gold in foreign coins, but it has not yet been made.

The act of June 28th 1834 is therefore erroneous and impolitic, because it stamps a greater value upon foreign gold coins than upon our own, and thus misleads the public, and prevents recoinage; ~~at our mints;— it~~ It is unnecessary, because the mints of the United States are abundantly sufficient for all the gold coinage required for circulation; and it is inconvenient, because the foreign coins which it makes a legal tender do not correspond in value and denomination with our money of account.— I would therefore beg leave, most respectfully, to recommend that the act in question be repealed.

R.

The act of June 25th, 1834, making Spanish-American dollars a legal ~~tender~~ currency at 100 cents each, and French five-franc pieces at 93 cents each, does not lead to any injustice that I am aware of.

R. M. P.

To/
Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.

Report of the fineness, and value by weight, of certain gold and silver coins specified in the Acts of Congress of Apr. 10, 1806, and June 25 & 28, 1834. —

Gold Coins.	Fineness in thousandths.	Value per dwt.
		Cents.
Great Britain, Sovereign	915.5	94.62
France, pieces of 40 and 20 francs	899	92.92
Spain, Doubloons & parts	866	89.51
Mexico, Do.	866	89.51
Peru, Do.	868	89.71
Chili Do.	868	89.71
Colombia, Doubloons of Bogota	870	89.92
Do. Do. of Popayan	858	88,68
New Grenada, Doubloons ✗ 1837–'38	871	90.02
Bolivia, Do.	870	89.92
Central America, Do.	830	85.79
La Plata, Do. - - - - - - - -	815 868	84.24 89.71
Portugal, Johannes & half	914	94.46
Do., Crown of 5000 reis, & half since 1838	914	94.46
Brazil, Piece of 6,400 reis of 1838	914	94.46

Silver Coins.	Fineness in thousandths.	Value per ounce.
		Cents.
Spain, Dollar of the peninsula	900	116.36
Do. Pillar-dollar of Spanish America	898	116.10
France, Crown (ceased to be coined in 1793)	909	117.53
Do. Five-franc piece	900	116.36
Mexico, average of various Mints, & in the proportion actually produced here.	897	115.97
Peru & North & South Peru, Dollar	901	116.49
Chili, Dollar	906	117.13
Central America, Dollar	896	115.84
Brazil, re-stamped dollar of 960 reis.	898	116.10

Mint of the U. States, Feb. 11. 1842.

Easton Pa Feby 11. 1842

Dear Sir

I find it will be impossible for me to be in the City on the 14th Instant to join the Comn. in the Superintendence of the Assay.

I regret this exceedingly, but I find it impossible to come to the City at the time appointed and I only regret that I had not recd the notification of my appointment in time to enable the President to supply my place. If any thing should prevent a quorum from attending, I think I could be able to attend on the 26th Inst.

Truly Yours
J. M. Porter

Dr R. M. Patterson

Mint of the United States

We understand that the ~~President~~ following gentlemen have been appointed, by the President of the United States, as Commissioners to attend the Annual Assay ~~to be~~ at the Mint, on Monday next.

Thomas P. Cope, of Philadelphia
James M. Porter, of Easton,
James C. Booth, of Philadelphia.

The Commissioners, ex officio, are
The ~~the~~ Judge of the U.S. District Court at Phil.a — Vacant.
The Attorney for ~~of~~ the same District ~~Court~~ — Wm. M. Meredith, Esq.
The Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, Jonathan Roberts, Esq.

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To/
Jos. R. Chandler Esq., U.S. Gazette.
Jos. C. Neall, Esq., Pennsylvanian. with a request to insert as an editorial.

Mint U. S. — Feb. 9th 1842.

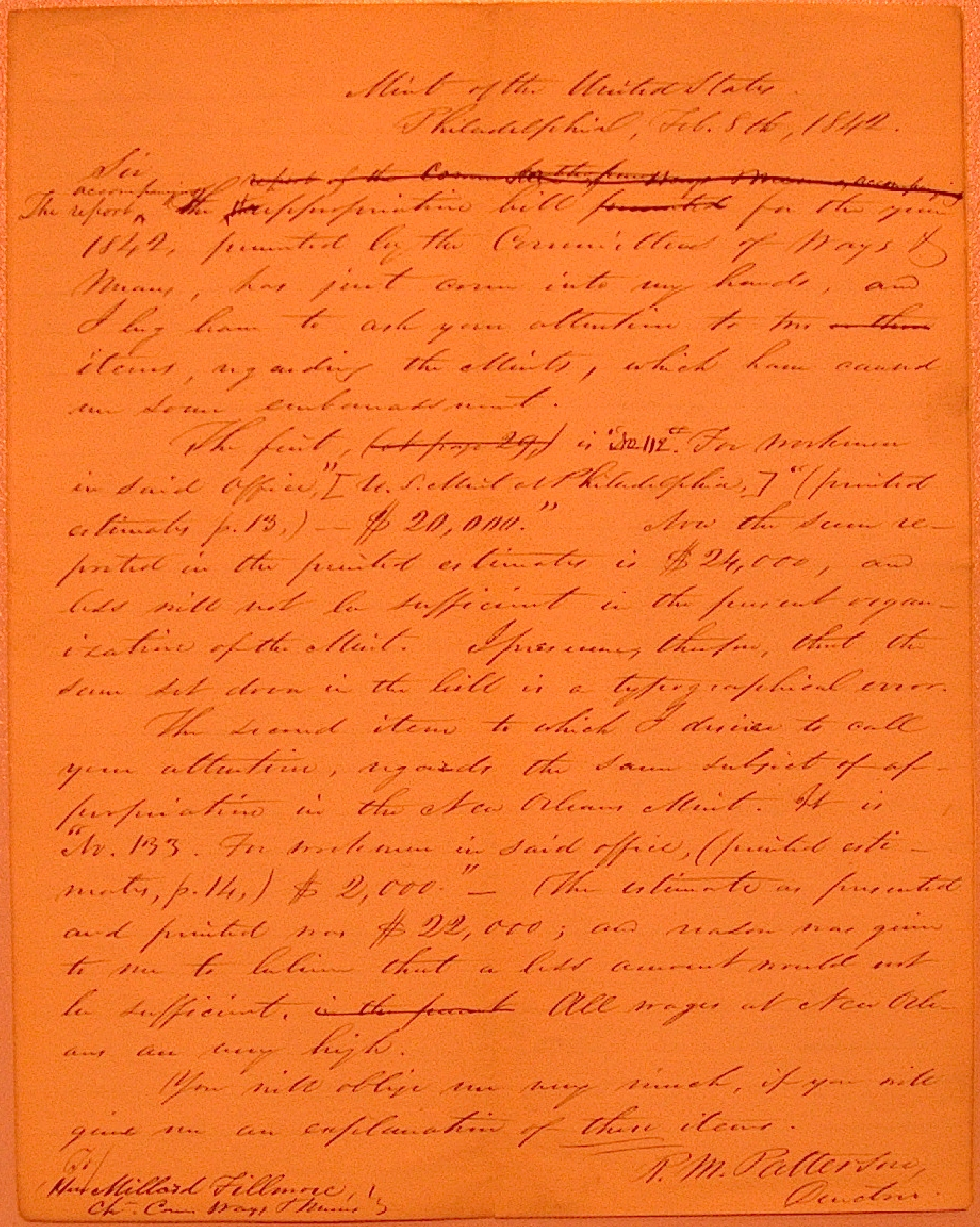
Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 7th, I have to state, that if your proposed deposits of South American Silver were now here, the amount could be returned to you in a few days in small coins, as we have either paid or provided for all existing deposits of this character. But ~~I can~~ ~~make no engagement as to~~ supplies of coin cannot be bespoken by a promised deposit, as ~~every~~ the law requires that "the payments shall be made, if demanded, in the order in which the bullion shall have been brought to the Mint, giving priority according to priority of deposit only."

R. M. P.

To

D. Sprigg, Esq.
Cash. Merchants Bank,
Baltimore.



Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Feb. 8th, 1842.

Sir,

The report, accompanying ~~report of the Com. [illegible] Ways & Means accomp~~ the ~~Ap~~ appropriation bill ~~presented~~ for the year 1842, presented by the Committee of Ways & Means, has just come into my hands, and I beg leave to ask your attention to two ~~or three~~ items, regarding the Mints, which have caused me some embarrassment.

The first, ~~(at page 29,)~~ is "No. 112. For workmen in said Office," [U. S. Mint at Philadelphia,] "(printed estimates p. 13,) — $20,000." Now the sum reported in the printed estimates is $24,000, and less will not be sufficient in the present organization of the Mint. I presume, therefore, that the sum set down in the bill is a typographical error.

The second item to which I desire to call your attention, regards the same subject of appropriation in the New Orleans Mint. It is "No. 133. For workmen in said office, (printed estimates, p. 14,) $2,000." — The estimate as presented and printed was $22,000; and reason was given to me to believe that a less amount would not be sufficient. ~~in the present~~ All wages at New Orleans are very high.

You will oblige me very much, if you will give me an explanation of these items.

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. Millard Fillmore,
Ch. Com. Ways & Means.
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Mint of the United States.
Feb. 15th, 1842.

Sir,

I thank you for the attention paid to ~~my~~ the subject of my letter of the 8th inst., and beg the liberty of presenting to you an explanation as to my estimate for the present year, which I think cannot fail to change the views of the Committee of Ways & Means with regard to it.

For this purpose I beg to ask your attention to the enclosed# statement, which is a copy of one sent ~~with~~ to the Secretary of the Treasury with my estimate, and which formed the foundation of that estimate. In this statement you will observe that the whole balance of appropriation undrawn,— then amounting to $18,700, and of course including the $4000 for wages,— was taken into view; and that it entered into the calculation which made me suppose a balance at the end of 1841, available for 1842, of $6,343. The Committee, by deducting $4000 ~~from~~ for the appropriation for wages undrawn, have, therefore, done, a second time, what I had virtually done once before. ~~But~~ Again they have erroneously made the special application to an appropriation ~~to~~ which ~~it could not~~ does not admit of being diminished, since the whole amount granted for wages in 1841 has been spent, ~~with~~ as ~~will~~ appears from the following statement, corresponding with the accounts sent to the Department.

See Estimates sent to Sec. of Treas. Nov. 10, '41, for this paper, there called "grounds of the estimates of the Phil. Mint &c."

Wages of workmen paid in 1841

First Quarter	$ 6244.80
Second Quarter	6157.74
Third Quarter	6095.20
Fourth Quarter	5968.50
	24,466.24
Appropriation	24,000.00
Excess of expenditure	$ 466.24

It is true that a part of this appropriation remained undrawn when the wages were paid, and the reason is that funds from other appropriations were used; an irregularity which it is almost impossible to avoid, where there is in ~~fact~~ reality but one fund from which all payments are made. ~~On drawing the $2000, it will be necessary to an other heads of appropriation~~ ~~The fact is that there was no balance of the amount which had been actually borrowed from the the unknown appropriation for wages for 1841, unexpended at the end of the year, although part of it was undrawn.~~

It is a fact, then, that there was no available balance ~~for~~ to pay for wages after the close of the year 1841; and, if the Mint is to continue on its present footing a less amount than $24,000 will not be sufficient for the present year.

The balance which actually remained available, at the close of the past year, has been deducted from the estimate for Incidental & Contingent Expenses; the specific ~~appropriations~~ expenditures for Salaries and wages being estimated at their full amount.

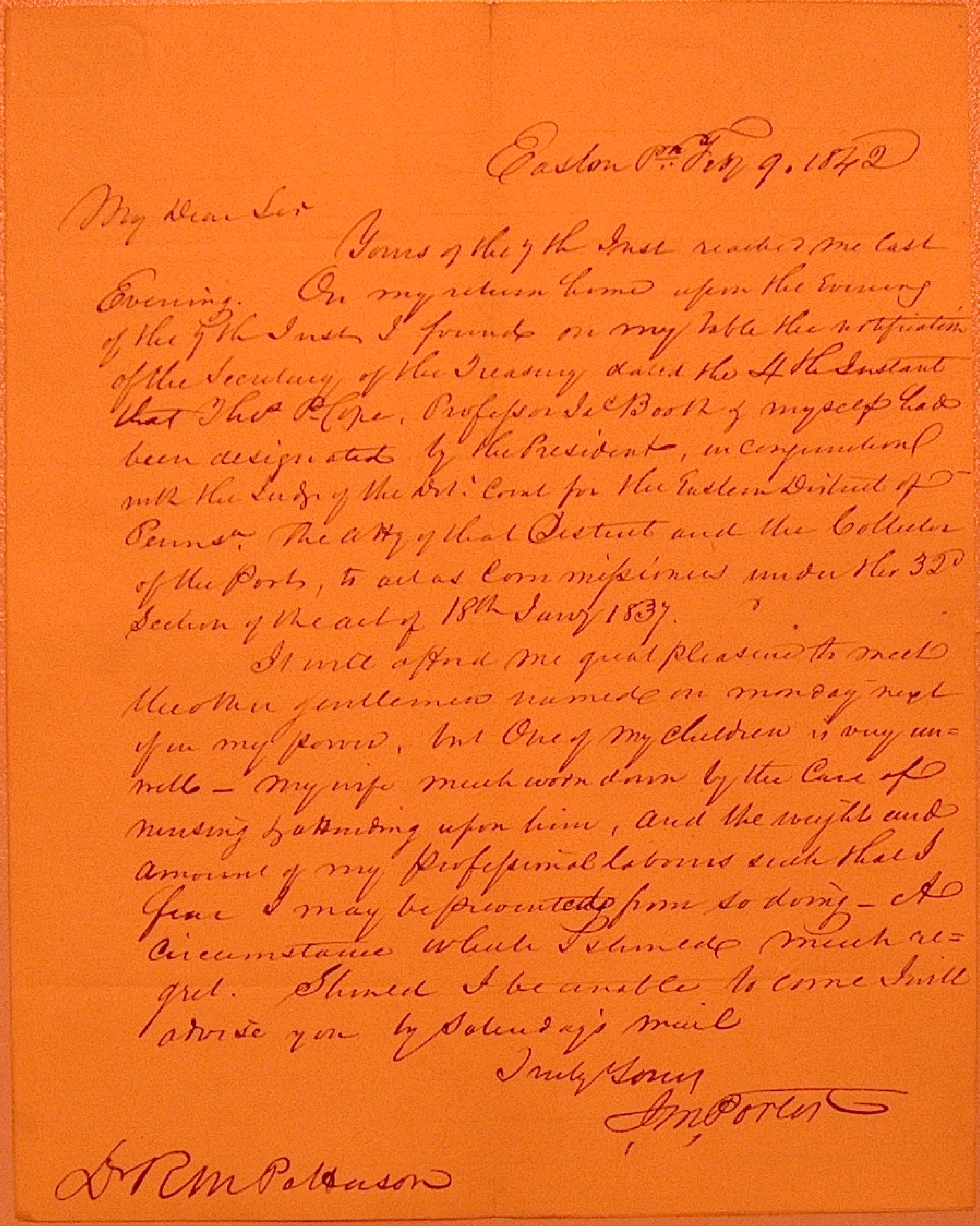
I have no doubt that some explanation of the same kind can be given for the large amount undrawn by the N. Orleans Mint under the same head of Wages; but I have not the means, at present, of giving it. I am quite confident, however, that their real expenditures & liabilities for the year cannot have fallen so much, if at all, short of their appropriations made. I have written to call their attention to the matter further.*

~~I have the~~ Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson
Director &c.

To/

Hon.ble Millard Fillmore,
Chairman Com. Ways & Means.

* ~~I may remark are~~ In the mean while I would remark that as the estimate for wages was $22,000, a deduction of $12000 would ~~not reduce the amount to~~ still leave $10,000, while I find that your Committee report but $2,000.



Easton Pa. Feby 9. 1842

My Dear Sir

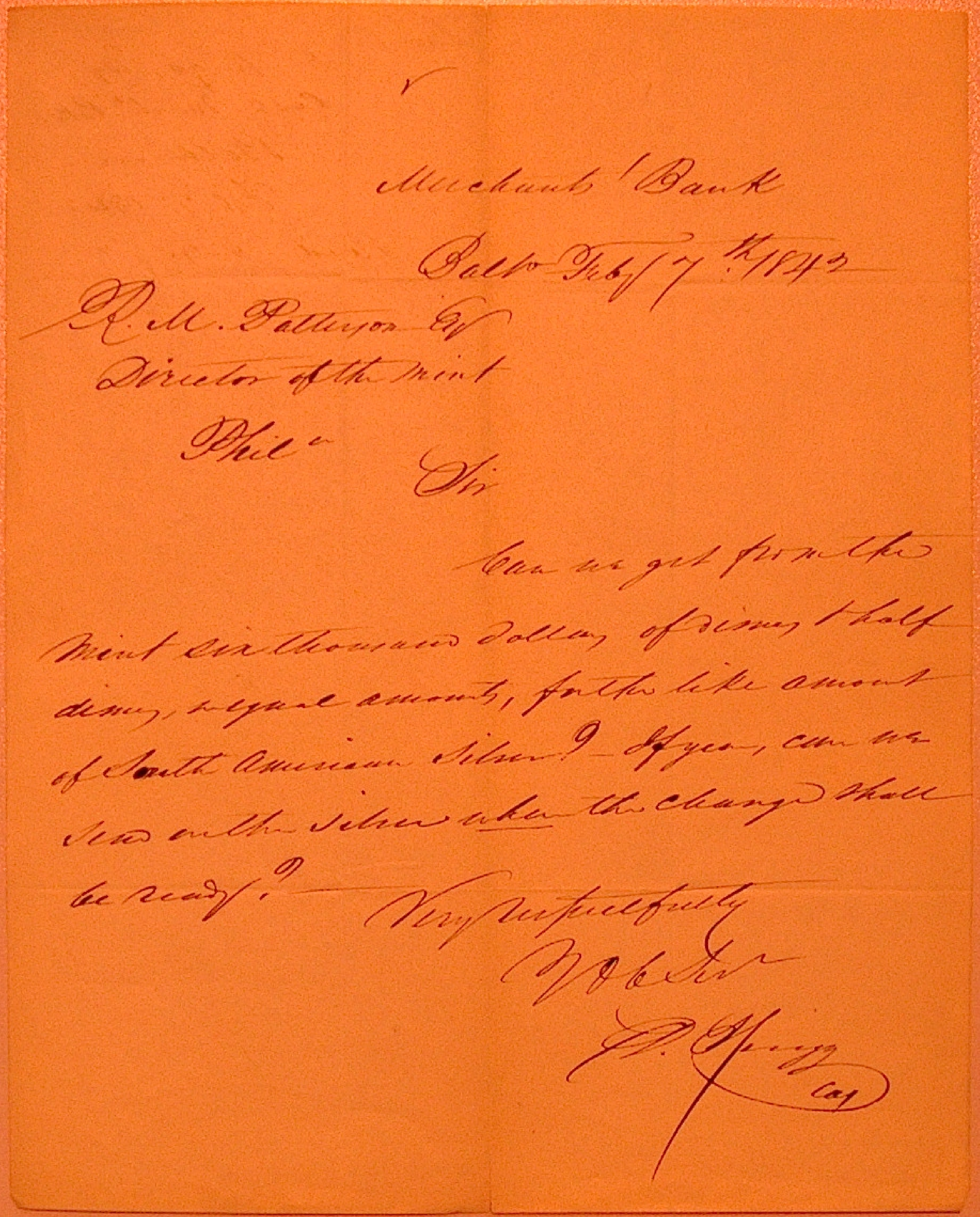
Yours of the 7th Inst reached me last Evening. On my return home upon the evening of the 7th Inst I found on my table the notification of the Secretary of the Treasury dated the 4th Instant that Thos P. Cope, Professor J C Booth & myself had been designated by the President, in conjunction with the Judge of the Dist. Court for the Eastern District of Penna. The Atty of that District and the Collector of the Port, to act as Commissioners under the 32d Section of the act of 18th Jany 1837.

It will afford me great pleasure to meet the other gentlemen named on Monday next if in my power, but One of my children is very unwell — my wife much worn down by the Care of nursing & attending upon him, and the weight and amount of my Professional labours such that I fear I may be prevented from so doing — A Circumstance which I should much regret. Should I be unable to come I will advise you by Saturday's mail

Truly Yours

J. M. Porter

Dr R M Patterson



Merchants' Bank

Balto Feby 7th 1842

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint

Phila

Sir

Can we get from the Mint six thousand dollars of dimes & half dimes, in equal amounts, for the like amount of South American Silver? — If yes, can we send on the silver when the change shall be ready? —

Very respectfully

Yr Ob Servt

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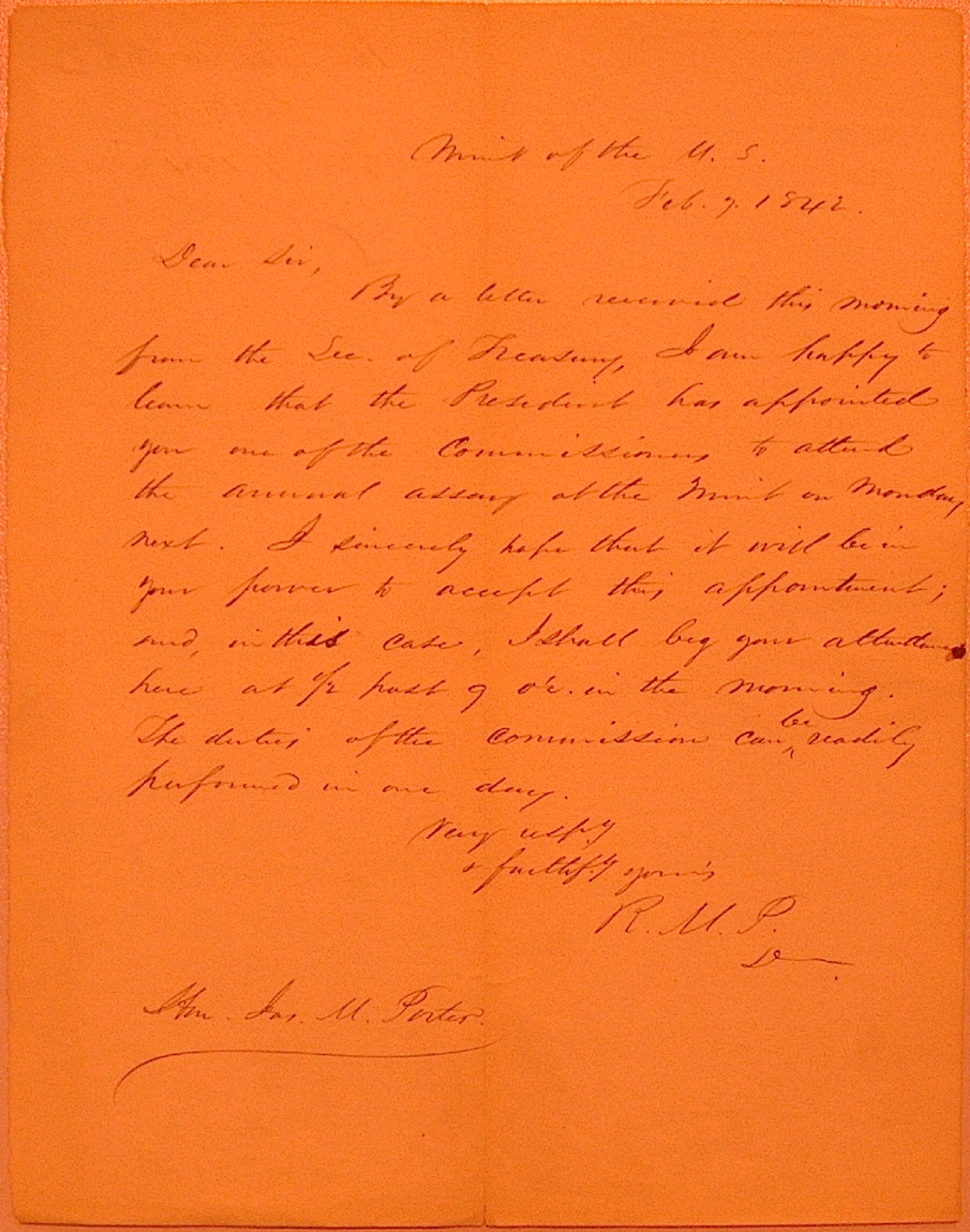

Mint of the U. S.
Feb. 7. 1842.

Dear Sir,

By a letter received this morning from the Sec. of Treasury, I am happy to learn that the President has appointed you one of the Commissioners to attend the annual assay at the Mint on Monday next. I sincerely hope that it will be in your power to accept this appointment; and, in this case, I shall beg your attendance here at ½ past 9 o'c. in the morning. The duties of the Commission can be readily performed in one day.

Very respy
& faithfy yours
R. M. P.
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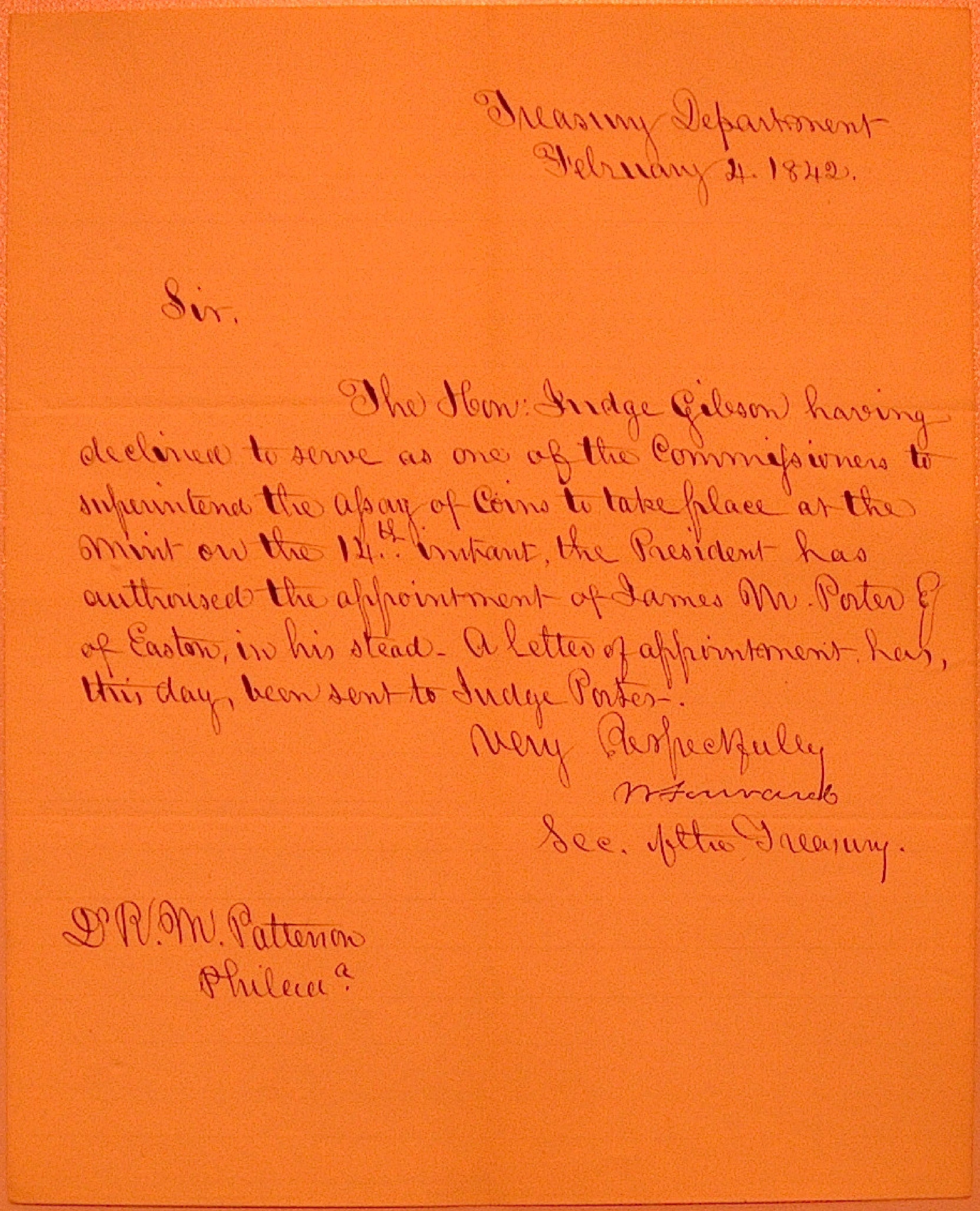
Hon. Jas. M. Porter



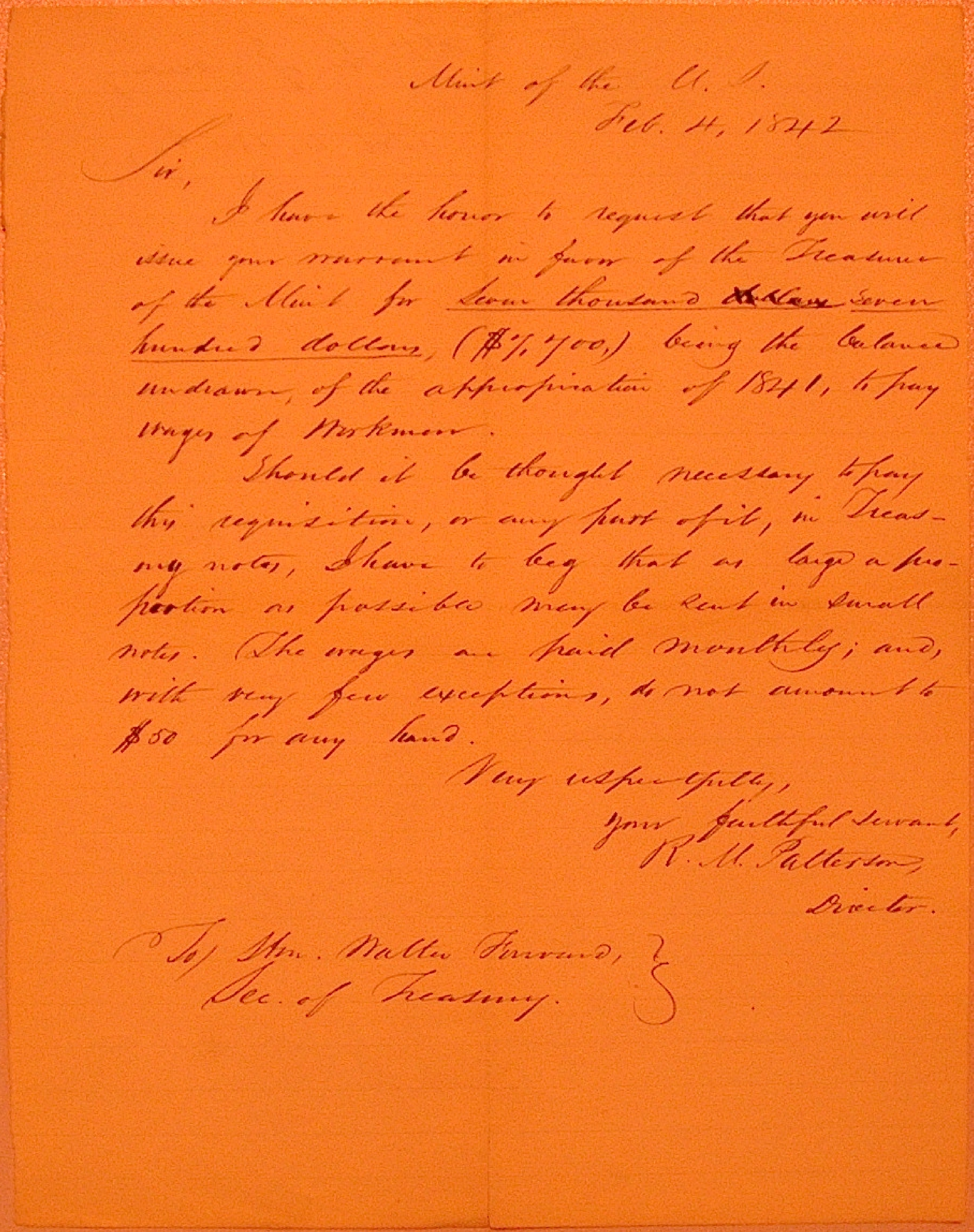
Treasury Department
February 4. 1842.

Sir,

The Hon: Judge Gibson having declined to serve as one of the Commiſsioners to superintend the aſsay of Coins to take place at the Mint on the 14th instant, the President has authorised the appointment of James M. Porter Esq of Easton, in his stead. A Letter of appointment has, this day, been sent to Judge Porter.

Very Respectfully
W Forward
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Philada.



Mint of the U. S.
Feb. 4, 1842

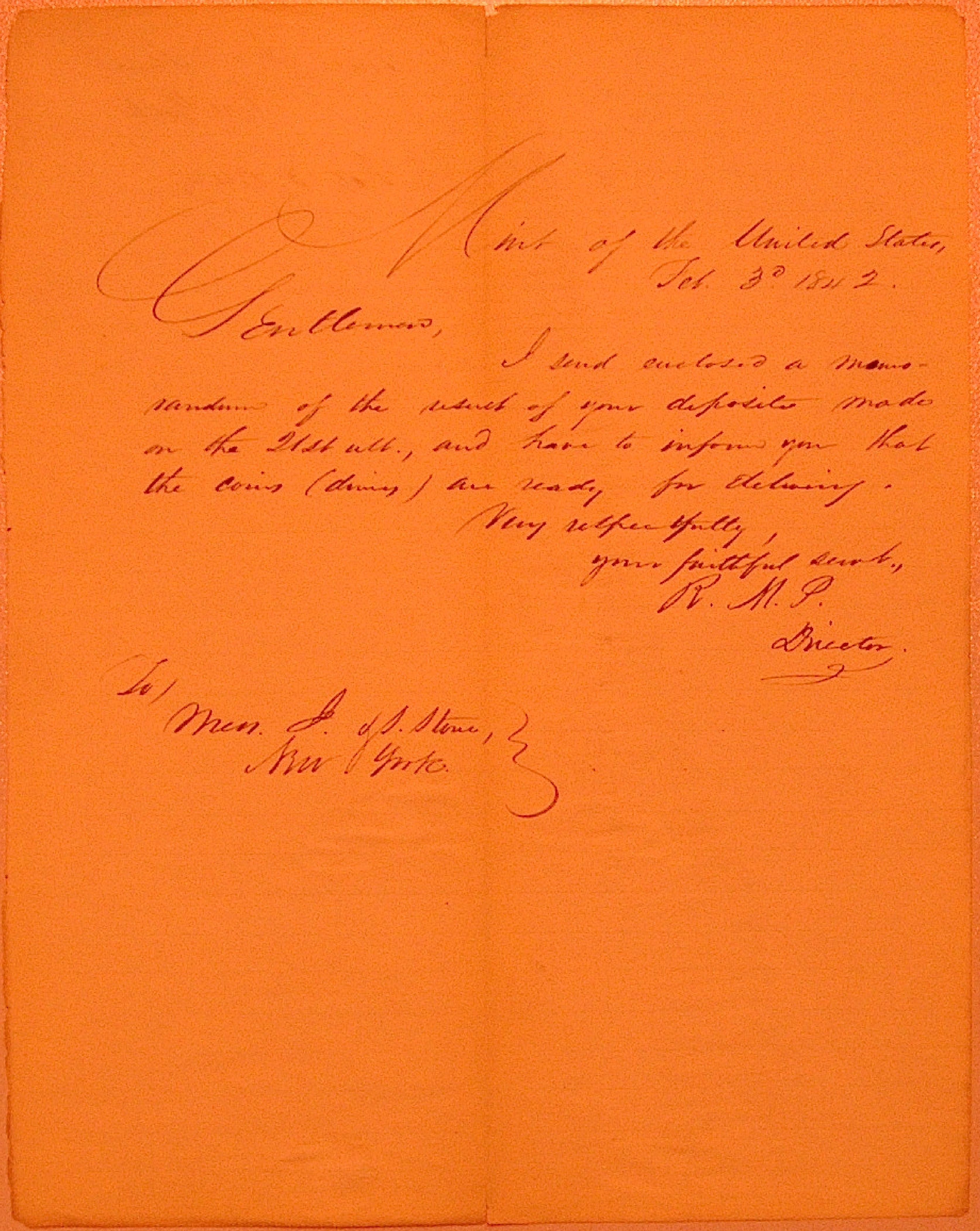
Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for Seven thousand ~~dollars~~ seven hundred dollars, ($7,700,) being the balance undrawn, of the appropriation of 1841, to pay wages of Workmen.

Should it be thought necessary to pay this requisition, or any part of it, in Treasury notes, I have to beg that as large a proportion as possible may be sent in small notes. The wages are paid monthly; and, with very few exceptions, do not amount to $50 for any hand.

Very respectfully,
your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To/ Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.



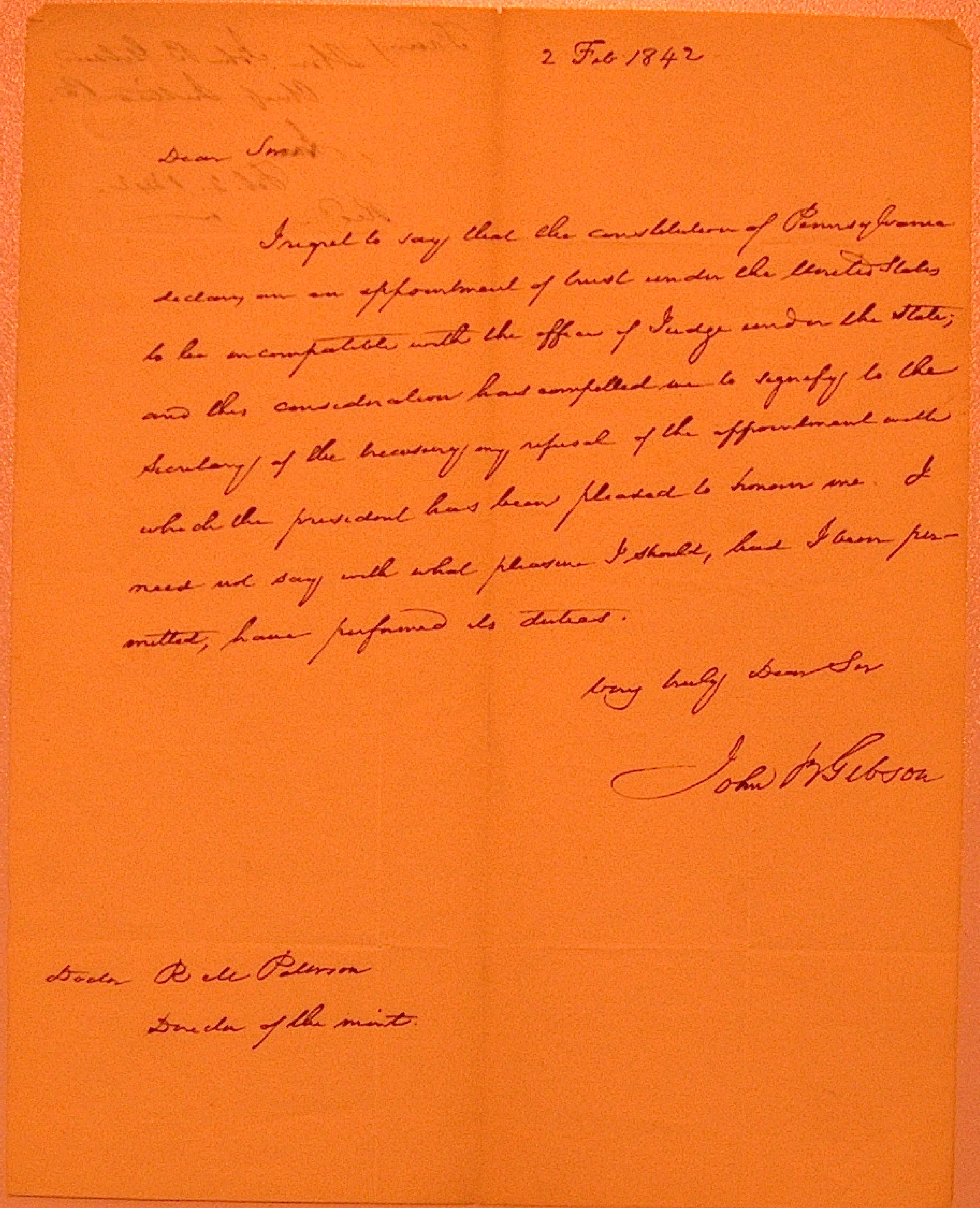
Mint of the United States,
Feb. 3d 1842.

Gentlemen,

I send enclosed a memorandum of the result of your deposits made on the 21st ult., and have to inform you that the coins (dimes) are ready for delivery.

Very respectfully,
your faithful servt.,
R. M. P.
Director.

To
Messrs. J. & J. Stone,
New York.



2 Feb 1842

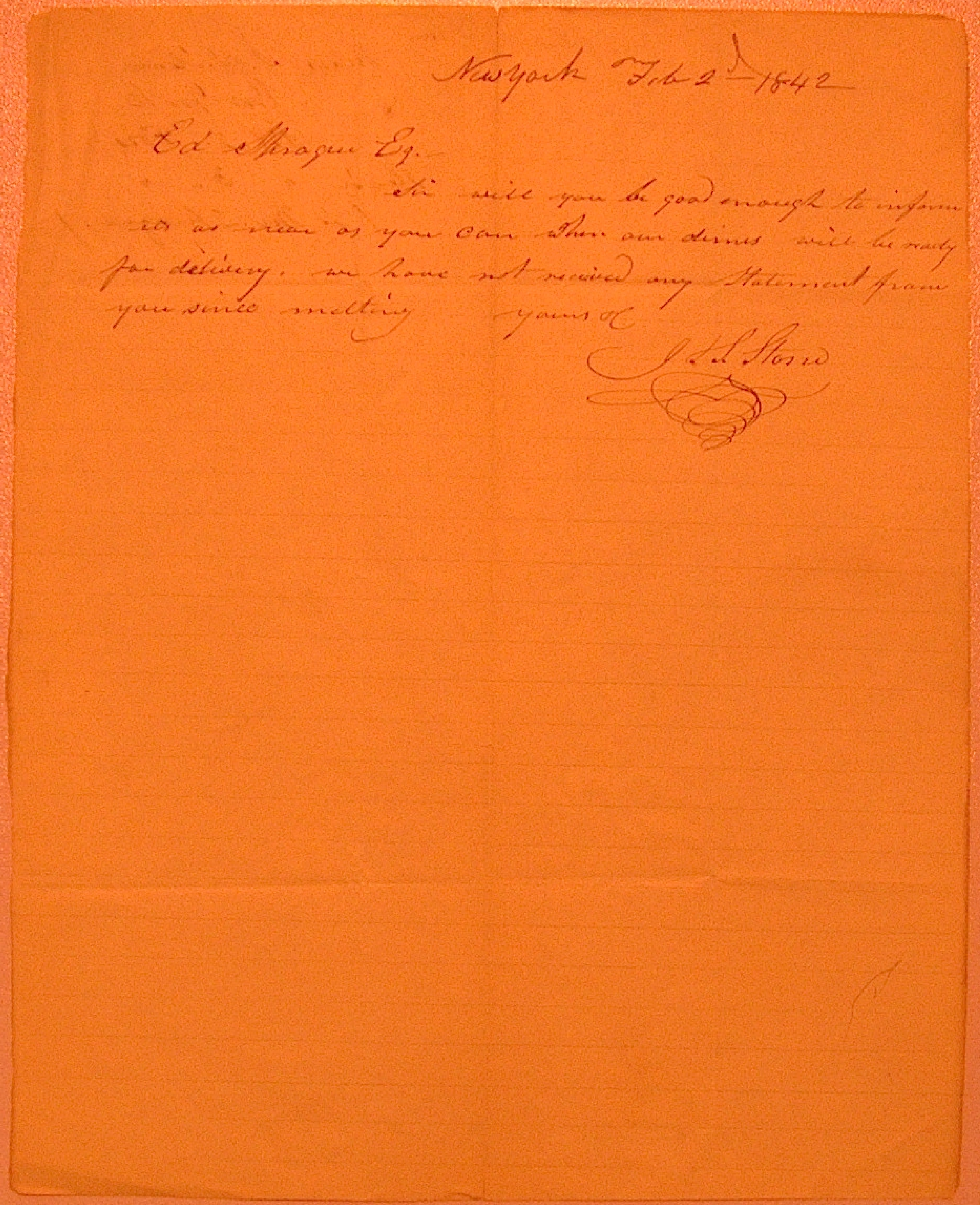
Dear Sir

I regret to say that the constitution of Pennsylvania declares an an appointment of trust under the United States to be incompatible with the office of Judge under the State; and this consideration has compelled me to signify to the Secretary of the treasury my refusal of the appointment with which the president has been pleased to honour me. I need not say with what pleasure I should, had I been permitted, have performed its duties.

Very truly Dear Sir

John B Gibson

Doctor R. M. Patterson
Director of the mint.



New York Feb 2d 1842

Ed Sprague Esq.

Sir will you be good enough to inform us as soon as you can when our dimes will be ready for delivery. we have not received any Statement from you since melting yours &c

J. L. Stone

Mint of the United States
Feb. 2d, 1842

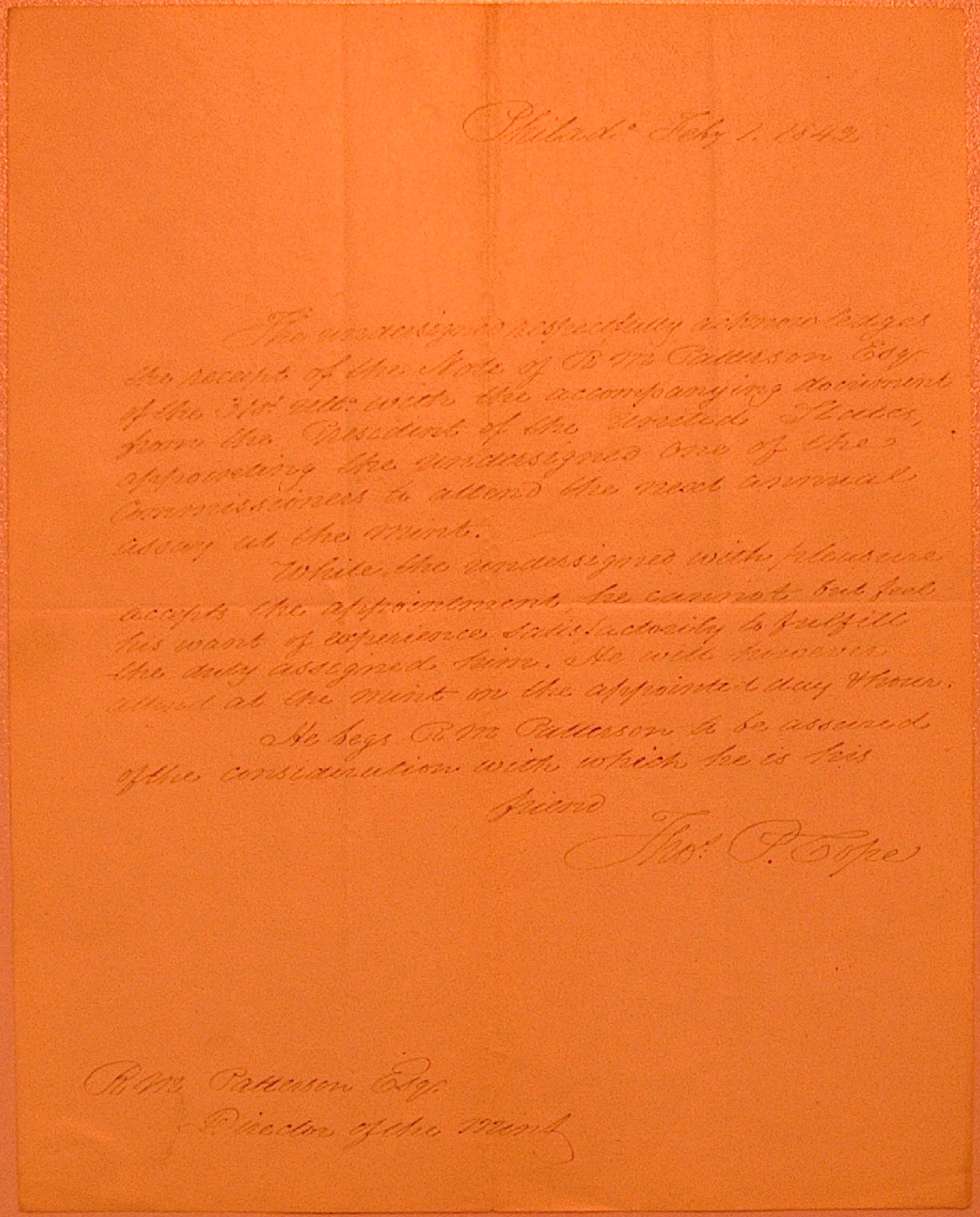
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your ~~letter~~ favor of the 29th ult., transmitting letters of appointment to the gentlemen designated as the Extra-Commissioners to attend the Annual Assay at the Mint on the 14th inst. I have the pleasure to state that Mr. Cope and Prof. Booth have accepted their appointments; but unfortunately Chief Justice Gibson finds himself prevented from doing so, by a provision of the Constitution of Pennsylvania which declares an appointment of trust under the United States incompatible with the office of Judge under the State.

As ~~Judge~~ ~~Gibson~~ ~~informs~~ the Chief Justice writes to me that he has informed you of the impossibility of his accepting the place of Assay Commissioner, I hope that some other individual may have been ~~named~~ appointed by the President; but if no name has ~~suggested~~ presented itself, I will take the liberty of ~~presenting~~ suggesting that of Charles Chauncey, Esq.

R. M. P.

(To)
Hon. Walter Forward.



Philada Feby 1. 1842

The undersigned respectfully acknowledges the receipt of the Note of R M Patterson Esq of the 31st ult. with the accompanying document from the President of the United States, appointing the undersigned one of the Commissioners to attend the next annual assay at the Mint.

While the undersigned with pleasure accepts the appointment, he cannot but feel his want of experience satisfactorily to fulfill the duty assigned him. He will however attend at the Mint on the appointed day & hour.

He begs R M Patterson to be assured of the consideration with which he is his

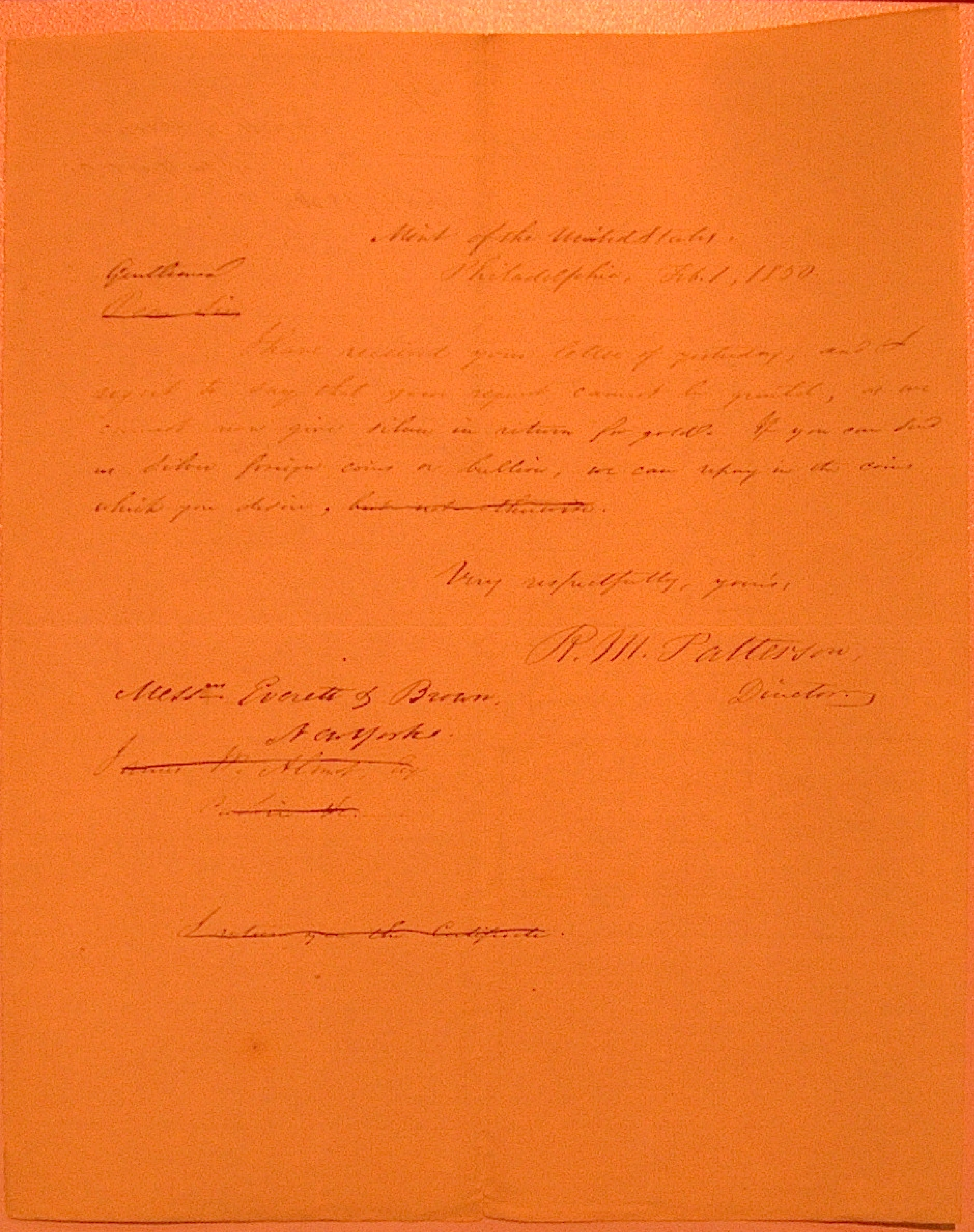
friend

Thos P. Cope

R M Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint

1842

January - February



Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Feb. 1, 1850.

Gentlemen
~~Dear Sir~~

I have received your letter of yesterday, and I regret to say that your request cannot be granted, as we cannot now give silver in return for gold. If you can send us either foreign coins or bullion, we can repay in the coins which you desire, ~~but not otherwise~~.

Very respectfully, yours,

R. M. Patterson,
Director

Messrs. Everett & Brown,
New York.
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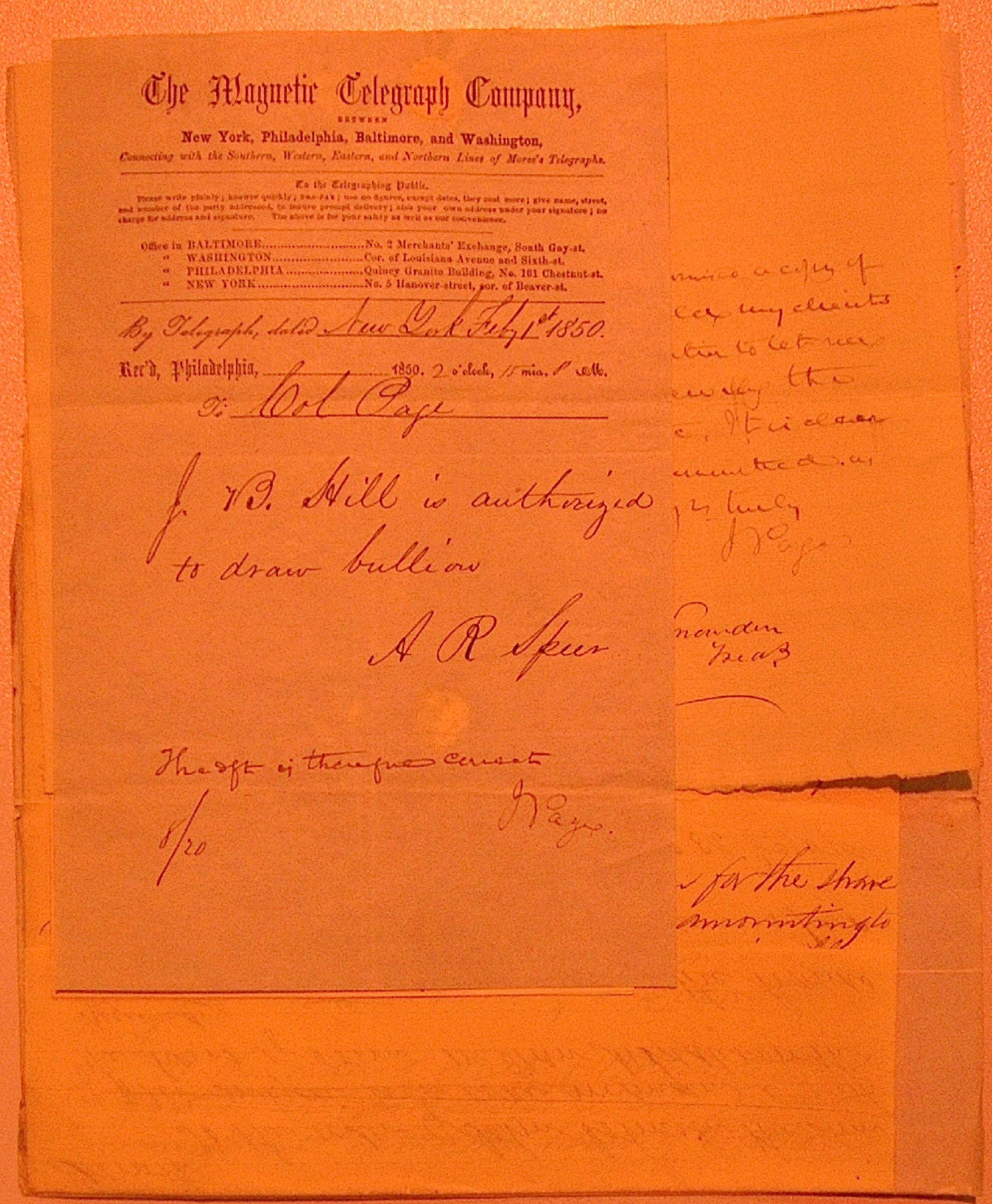

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BETWEEN

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington,

Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern, and Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraphs.

To the Telegraphing Public.

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" PHILADELPHIA..........Quincy Granite Building, No. 101 Chestnut-st.
" NEW YORK..........No. 5 Hanover-street, cor. of Beaver-st.

By Telegraph, dated New York Feby 1st 1850.

Rec'd, Philadelphia, 1 1850. 2 o'clock, 15 min. P M.

To: Col Page

J & B. Hill is authorized
to draw bullion

A R Spier

The dft is therefore correct

J Page.

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Dear Col.

I send you as I promised a copy of the affidavit touching the gold of my clients claim. Have you any objection to let me have a copy of the records shewing the assay, number value etc. It is clear a great wrong has been committed in letting it go

Yrs truly
J. Page

Rec^d. Jany 22, 1850.
Jas. R. Snowden
Treas.

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session of the same having been illegally and fraudulently obtained –

Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
James Page
Att. for Claimants
181. Walnut St.

Col. J. R. Snowden
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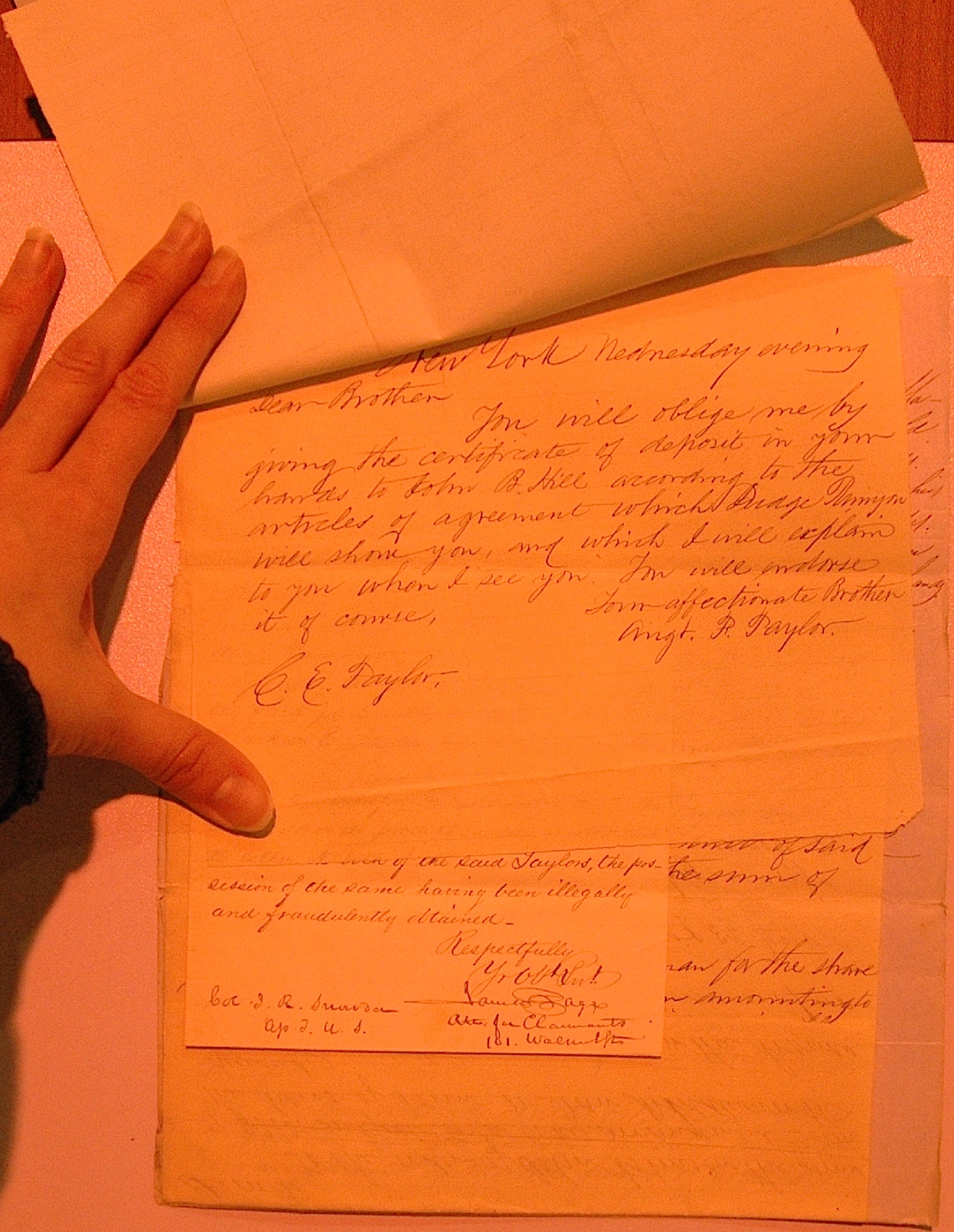

New York Wednesday evening

Dear Brother

You will oblige me by giving the certificate of deposit in your hands to John B. Hill according to the articles of agreement which Judge Runyon will show you, and which I will explain to you when I see you. You will endorse it of course,

Your affectionate Brother
Augt. R. Taylor.

C. E. Taylor.

[illegible] own of the said Taylors, the possession of the same having been illegally and fraudulently obtained –

Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
James Bagg
Atty for Claimants
161. Walnut St

Col. J. R. Snowden
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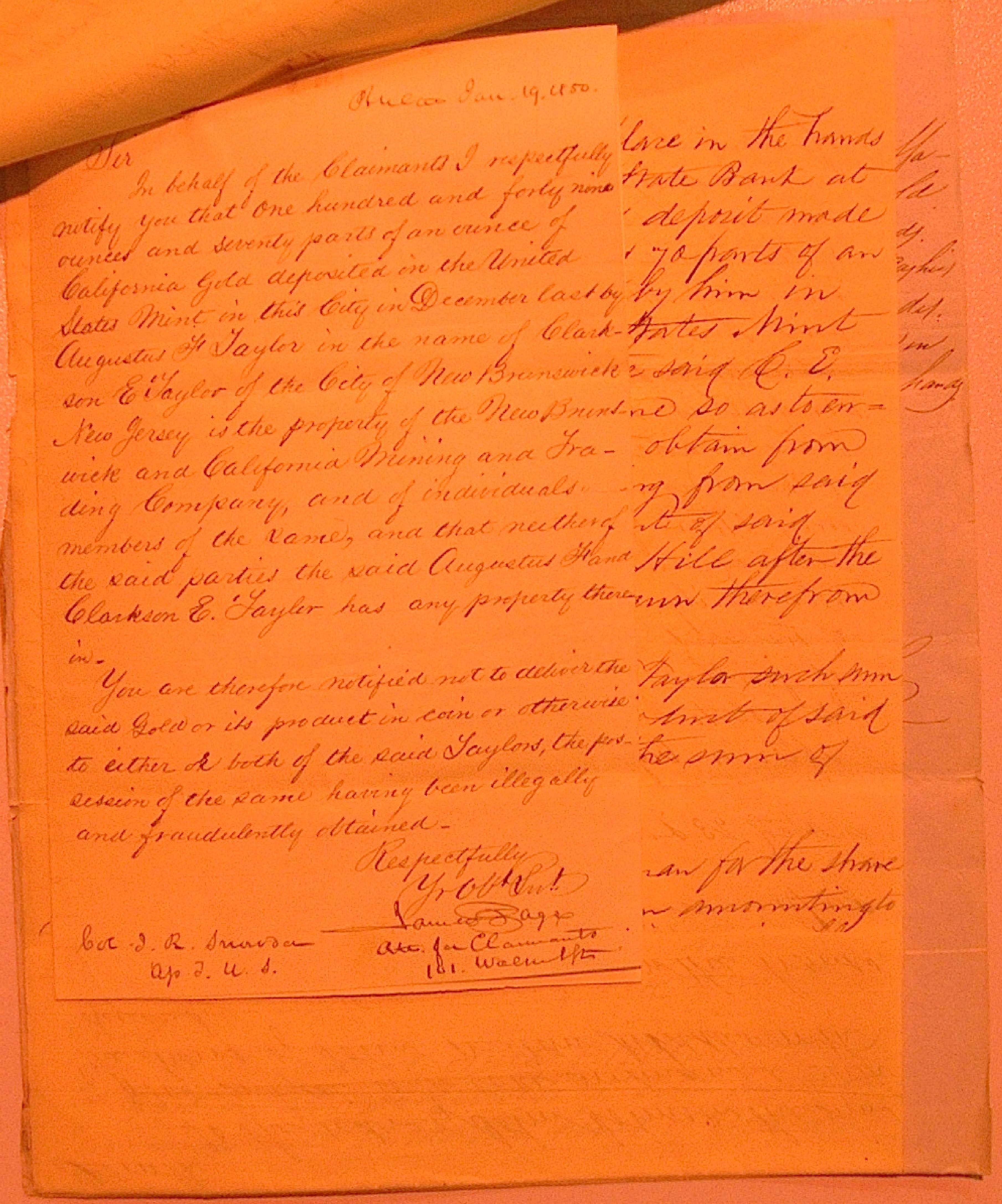

Phila Jan. 19. 1850.

Sir

In behalf of the Claimants I respectfully notify you that One hundred and forty nine ounces and seventy parts of an ounce of California Gold deposited in the United States Mint in this City in December last by Augustus H Taylor in the name of Clarkson E Taylor of the City of New Brunswick New Jersey is the property of the New Brunswick and California Mining and Trading Company, and of individuals members of the same, and that neither of the said parties the said Augustus H and Clarkson E. Taylor has any property therein.

You are therefore notified not to deliver the said Gold or its product in coin or otherwise to either or both of the said Taylors, the possession of the same having been illegally and fraudulently obtained.

Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Samuel Baye
Atty for Claimants
131 Walnut St

Col. J. R. Snowden
Ass. T. U. S.

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1st Augustus F. Taylor agrees to place in the hands
of John B. Hill Cashier of the State Bank at
New Brunswick a certificate of deposit made
by Clarkson C. Taylor of 149 oz and 70 parts of an
ounce of gold dust deposited by him in
December last at the United States Mint
in Philadelphia and that the said C. C.
Taylor shall endorse the same so as to en-
able the said John B. Hill to obtain from
the Mint the proceeds arising from said
deposit and the said amount of said
proceeds shall be kept by J. B. Hill after the
following sums shall be drawn therefrom
First

To the order of said A. F. Taylor such sum
of money as may be the product of said
gold dust over and above the sum of
sixteen dollars per ounce
Second

To the order of T H Ackerman for the share
represented by John C. Dunham amounting to
$\$418\frac{50}{100}$ whenever the same is amicably
arranged with the heirs of J. C. Dunham
Third

To the order of Wiley & Williams the sum
of $\$435\frac{60}{100}$ also subject to a like amicable
arrangement with the heirs of William
Marsh
Fourth

To the order of John Johnson the sum
of $260. subject to a like arrangement with
the heirs of John N. Van Middlesworth
deceased.
The balance then remaining in the hands

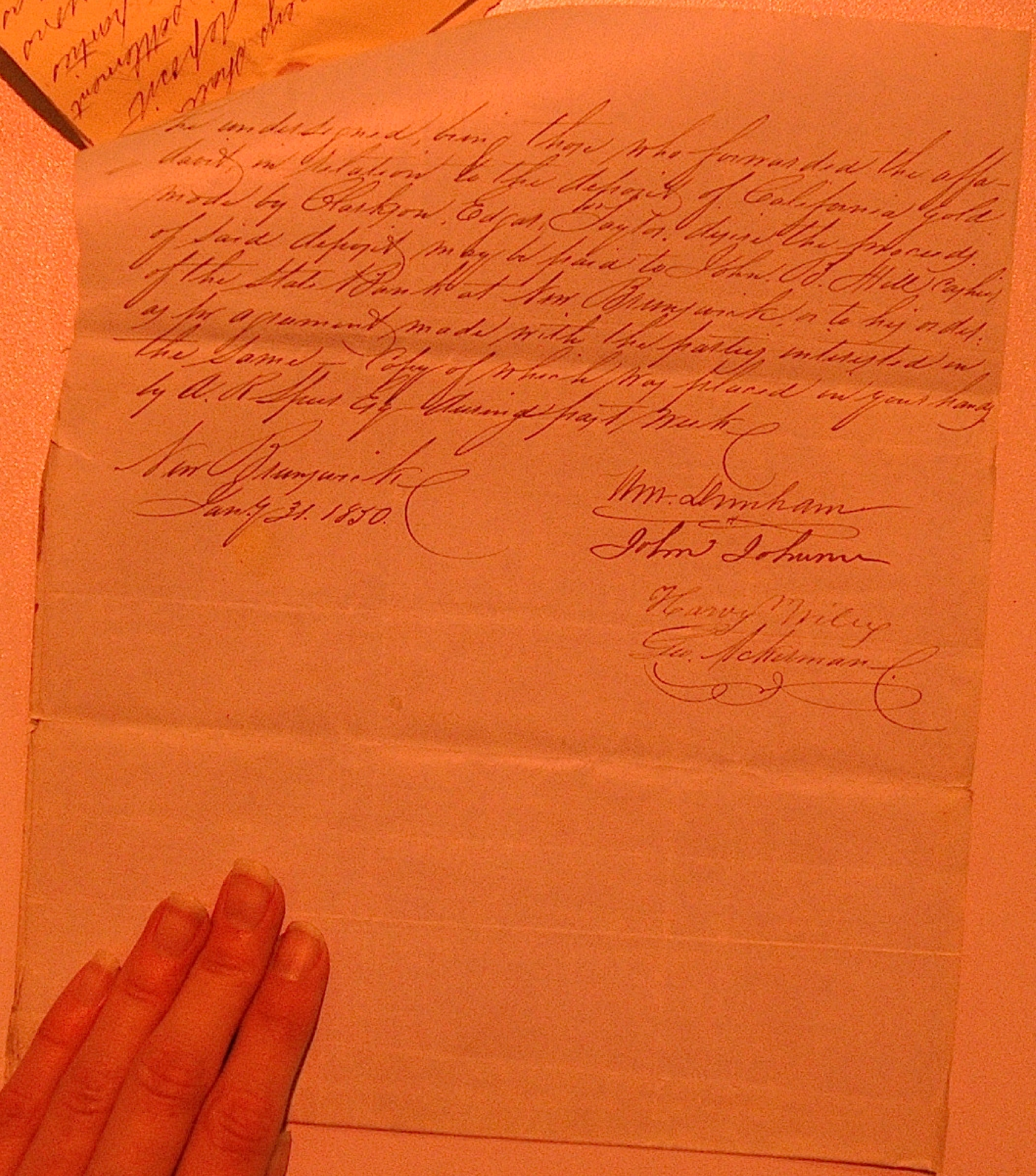
of said C. B. Hill of said moneys shall be retained by him as a special deposit for my use until an amicable settlement of the same is effected by the several parties interested therein if there be any such persons but this writing is not to be understood as admitting that there are any such.

And it is understood that if any error has been made in the computations by Dr. Taylor of the amount of Wm Marshs share or if any other of said shares the same is to be allowed and rectified and this writing is voluntarily given to quiet the apprehensions of the said several parties until the receipt of further information from California and is not to be considered binding upon me after or beyond the first of June next.

Augt. F. Taylor.

dated 23 January 1850.

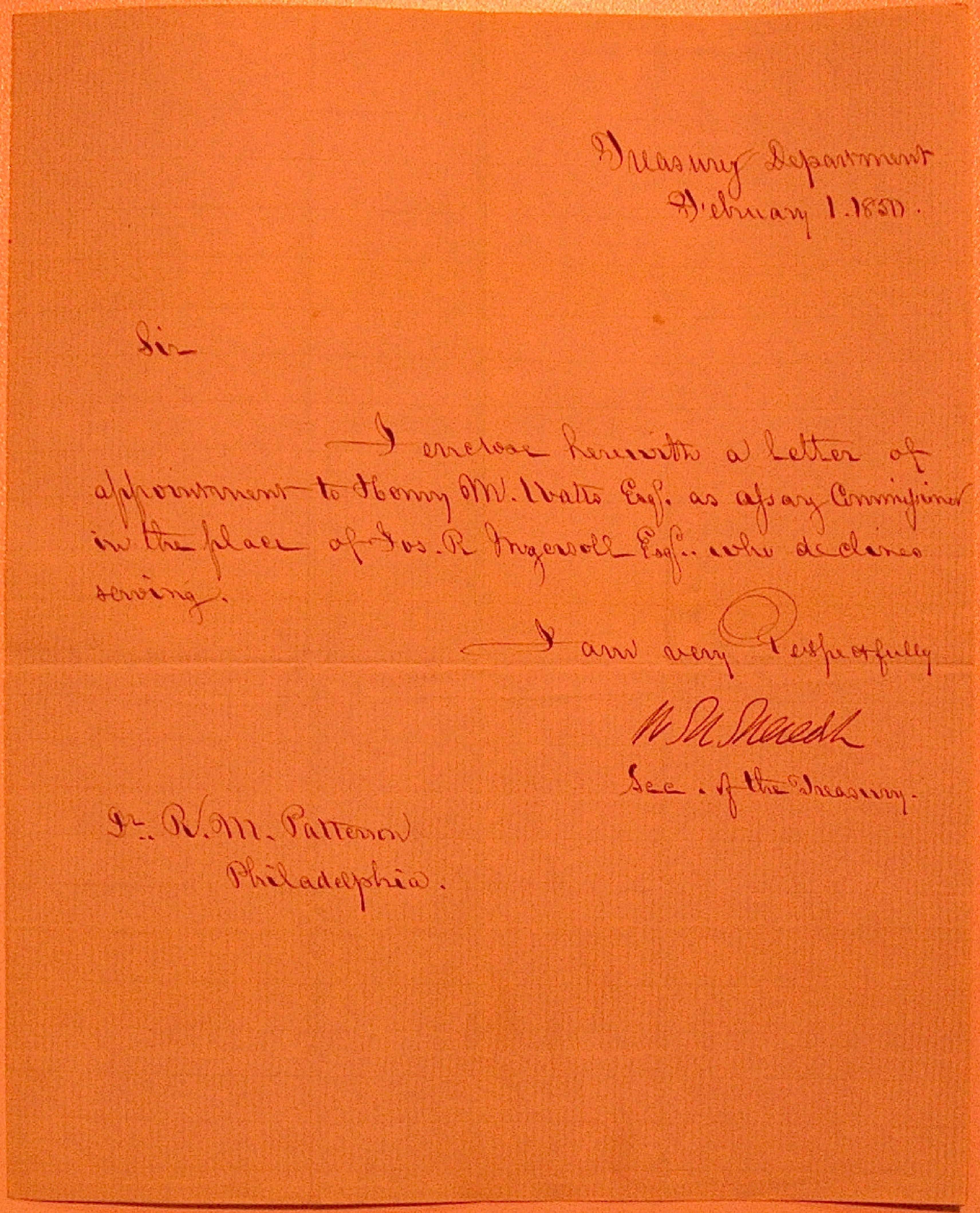
In presence of
John. L. Hager
J. A. Taylor



The undersigned, being those who forwarded the affi-
davit in relation to the deposit of California Gold
made by Clarkson, Edgar, Taylor, desire the proceeds
of said deposit may be paid to John B. Hill Cashier
of the State Bank at New Brunswick, or to his order,
as per agreement made with the parties interested in
the same, Copy of which was placed in your hands
by A. R. Speer Esq during past month.

New Brunswick
Jany 31. 1850

Wm. Dunham
John Johnson
Henry Wiley
Geo. Ackerman



Treasury Department
February 1. 1850.

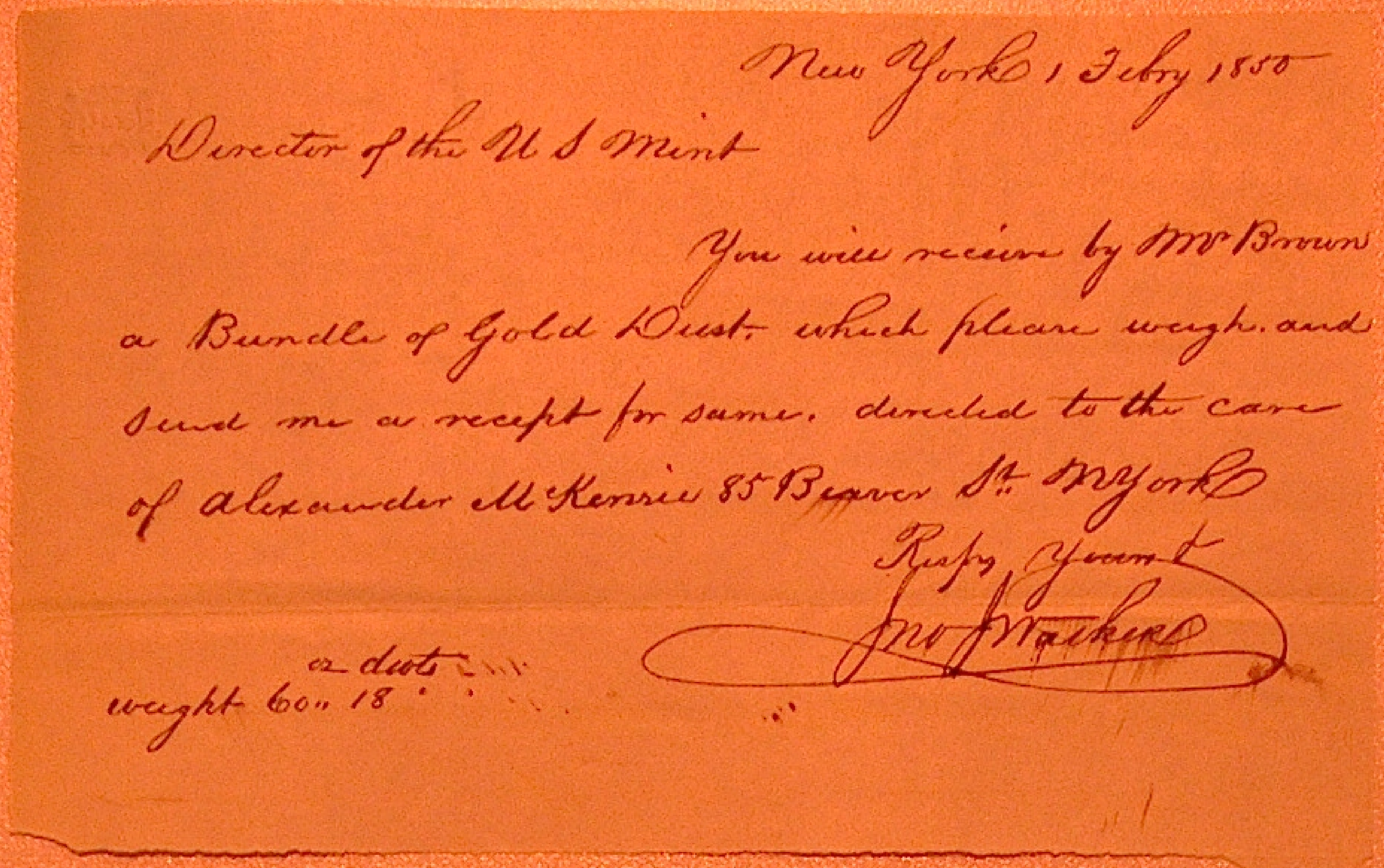
Sir

I enclose herewith a letter of appointment to Henry M. Watts Esq. as aſsay Commiſsioner in the place of Jos. R Ingersoll Esq.. who declines serving.

I am very Respectfully

W. M. Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia.



New York 1 Febry 1850

Director of the U S Mint

You will receive by Mr Brown a Bundle of Gold Dust. which please weigh. and send me a receipt for same. directed to the care of Alexander McKenzie 85 Beaver St. NYork

Respy Yours &

Jno J Walker

oz dwts
weight 60" 18"

Newyork Feb the 9. 1850

Dear Sir

I wish you Would inform me when my Gold will be ready so that i can come after it If you will have the Goodness to do so it will Save me a Considerable trouble

it was deposited On the 29 of december 1850 No. 4527 One thousand sixty three Ounces 4/100

Joseph Hunkin

George W Eckleman

Direction 51 Rutger St Newyork

In about 2 weeks.

Washington City, Feb 4. 1848

Dear Sir –

Mess^rs. Adams & Co. have returned to me the parcel of gold which I had forwarded thro them to the Mint for Coinage – and I have received your letter of 30th ult. explaining why it was returned. I regret that it could not be accepted by the Mint. My object now is to enquire whether, in case I meet with some one else who is sending Gold Dust to the Mint, and unite mine with it –: the ~~value~~ proceeds of mine will be ascertained & considered, apart from that with which it is sent. I should hope that this may be done – or else that you will favour me with a suggestion as to the best mode of realising the value of the gold in my possession

In Haste
Most Resp'y. Yours

W. C. Choate

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of Mint
Philada.

House of Representatives
Washington. Feb 4. 1850

R M Patterson Esq

My Dear Sir

The effort to establish a Branch Mint in New York is renewed and I take the liberty of sending to you the accompanying paper which sets forth the wishes & the arguments of the petitioners

When I had the pleasure of conversing with you last you mentioned that there were many valid arguments against the measure proposed, will you at your leisure give me your views of the subject.

Very truly Yours

Jos R Chandler

TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

THE MEMORIAL OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF NEW YORK,

RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS,

THAT, in the opinion of your memorialists, the public interest *requires the establishment of a Branch Mint* at the City of New York. In support of this opinion, your *memorialists do not propose to present a lengthened argu*ment. That has been rendered unnecessary by the elaborate discussion of the question in the last Annual Report of the late Secretary of the Treasury. In that report, as in all his previous annual reports, he strongly recommends the measure. Your memorialists wish to advert, very briefly, to two or three considerations only.

The Constitution gives to Congress the sole power of coining money. This grant carries with it a correlative duty. Coin being essential to a civilized community, and the several states, as well as individuals, being forbidden to furnish it, Congress would seem to be clearly bound, not only to exercise the power thus exclusively conferred upon them, but to do so in such a way, and at such convenient points, as will best subserve and protect the interests inseparably connected with it. These points are obviously those where the precious metals are found, or where foreign coin and bullion enter the country. The Government has fully recognized the correctness of this view, by establishing branch mints at Charlotte and Dahlonega, within the gold region of the Southern States, and at New Orleans, where a considerable amount of foreign coin arrives. If, then, it be shown that the same reason which must have induced the Government to establish a mint at New Orleans, exists with greater force in respect to New York, it can hardly be doubted that Congress will establish a Mint there also.

From a table appended to the Treasury Report, of December, 1847, it appears that the total import of coin and bullion into the United States during the year ending the 1st of that month, as far as then ascertained, was.............. $24,153,000

This amount was received at various points, as follows:

At Boston,	$12,814,000	
" New York,	8,732,000	
" Philadelphia,	256,000	
" Baltimore,	170,000	
" Mobile,	200,000	
" New Orleans,	1,523,000	
" all other ports,	458,000	$24,153,000

Of the amount received at Boston, sent chiefly by the Cunard Steamers, which then came no farther, a large portion is known to have been imported for New York account. The statement shows that out of *twenty-four millions* of dollars in specie then imported, *twenty-one millions* arrived at Boston and New York, where there is no mint, while Philadelphia, containing the principal mint of the Union, received the inconsiderable sum, comparatively, of $256,000 only.

From the best data your memorialists can obtain, they estimate the whole amount of gold brought from California to the Atlantic States during the year 1849, at from five to six millions of dollars. Of this amount, from four to five millions, it is believed, came into New York.

The amount of foreign coin annually brought into the United States by emigrants, has been estimated at $8,000,000. Much of the coin that comes in this way, is immediately carried into the interior, whence it gradually finds its way back to the sea board. Most of the silver coin goes back to Europe in the same form in which it arrived, and also a small portion of the gold. Of the remaining gold, a great part is ultimately sent to Philadelphia to be re-coined; probably two or three millions per annum. Your memorialists have reason to believe, that at least one million of the amount brought by emigrants, is annually transmitted from New York alone.

As the risk, expense and delay, of sending foreign coin and bullion from New York to the mint, (a distance of nearly 100 miles,) and of procuring American coin in return, are deemed fully equivalent to a charge of a quarter per cent., much of the coin imported in 1847 would have remained in its foreign shape, had not the Government assumed the burthen of forwarding a large amount. The Treasury Report, of December, 1848, states that from 1st March, 1845, to 30th November, 1848, the amount of foreign coin sent by the Government to the mint for re-coinage, was $11,463,000. As long as a great portion of the commerce of the United States concentrates at New York, it is evident, considering the present facilities for transportation by steamers, that a corresponding proportion of specie, whenever there is an import from Europe, will come direct to this city. The comparative extent of the commerce of New York, so far as it relates to imports, is shown by the amount of duties there collected. It appears from the Treasury Report, of December, 1848, that from the 1st of January, 1847, to 30th November, 1848, (twenty-three months,) the amount paid into the New York Custom House for duties, was $35,360,000, in specie, being *two-thirds* of the amount collected for duties throughout the Union.

Having thus shown that the City of New York receives from *one-half* to *three-quarters* of all the foreign coin imported from Europe, *two-thirds* of all the gold sent home from California, and *one-third* of the gold furnished from the interior by emigrants for re-coinage; and that it pays in specie *two-thirds* of the whole revenue arising from duties, your memorialists respectfully submit, that the conclusion clearly follows, that the public good imperatively demands the establishment of a mint at the same commercial centre, that so both government and people may turn bullion into money, and foreign coin into American, without hazard, expense, or loss of time.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

New York, January 25th, 1850.

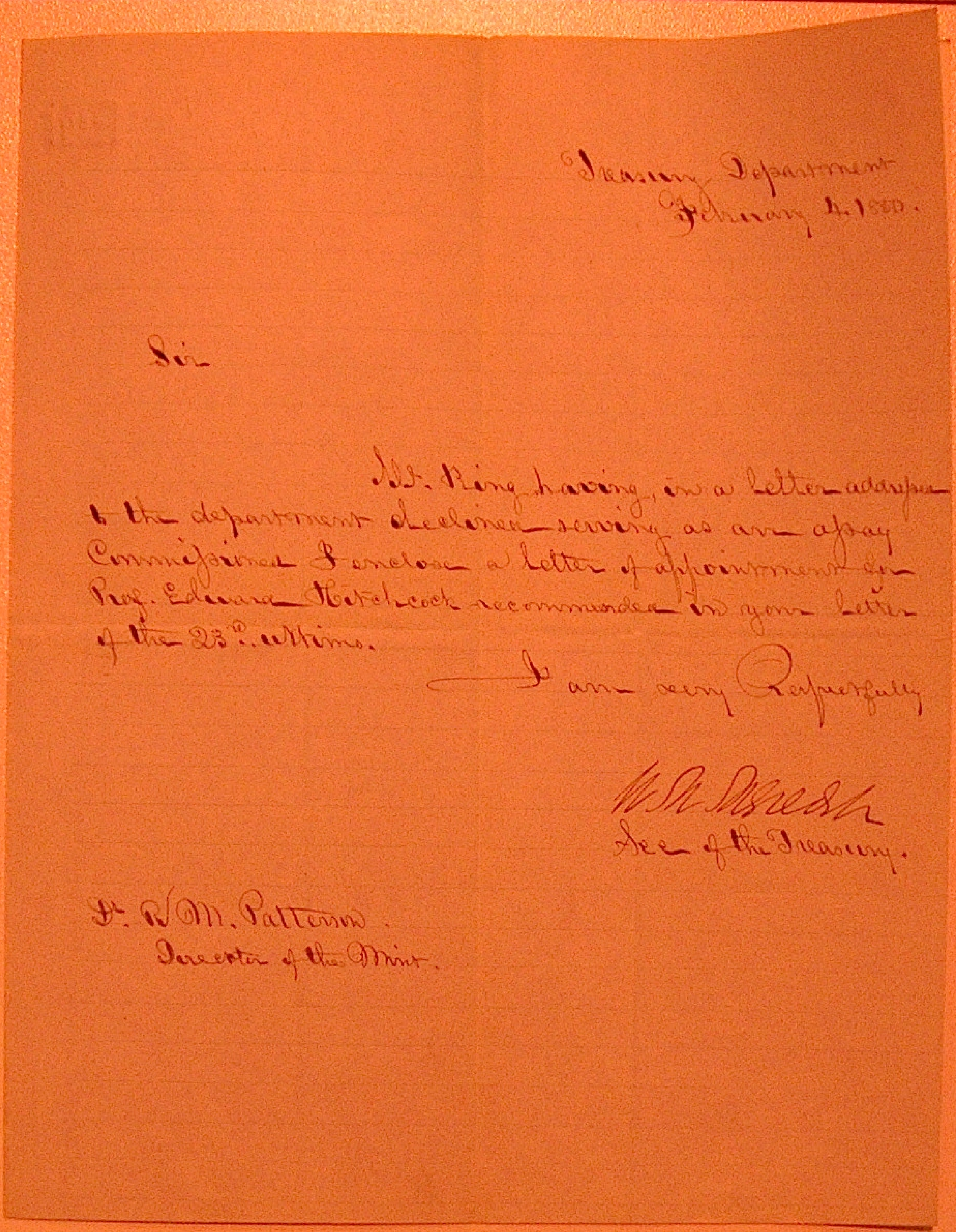
At a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, held this day, the foregoing Memorial was presented by a Committee, previously charged with the consideration of the subject, and, on motion, was unanimously adopted as the sense of this body.

It was ordered, that a copy of the Memorial be transmitted to each House of Congress, and that five hundred copies be printed, and that each Senator and Representative in Congress, be furnished with a printed copy of the same.

Extract from the minutes,

M. H. GRINNELL,
President.

Attest,
M. MAURY,
Secretary.



Treasury Department
February 4. 1850.

Sir

Mr. King having, in a letter addressed to the department declined serving as an assay Commissioner I enclose a letter of appointment for Prof. Edward Hitchcock recommended in your letter of the 23rd. ultimo.

I am very Respectfully

W. M. Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Director of the Mint.

Phil. 4 Feb. 1850

Sir

Your letter of the 2nd inst. has been received, in which I am advised that the President has designated me one of the Commissioners to attend the annual assay at the Mint on Monday the 11th inst.

It will afford me much pleasure to perform the duty

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Yours &c

H M Watts

R. M. Patterson Esquire
Director &c.

THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION

H. R. 24.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

FEBRUARY 4, 1850.

Mr. SCHENCK, on leave, introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A BILL

To regulate the value of certain foreign coins within the United States, and to provide for the coinage of double dime pieces.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of July next, any coin in circulation in the United States of the denomination of one-eighth of a dollar, or of the nominal value of twelve and a half cents, shall be taken and received at the value of a dime or ten cents only, and any coin of the denomination of one-sixteenth part of a dollar, or of the nominal value of six and one-fourth cents, shall in like manner be taken and received as of the value of half a dime or five cents only.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That from and after the first day of January, A. D eighteen hundred and fifty-one, any foreign coin circulating within the United

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States of the denomination of one-fourth part of a dollar, or of the nominal value of twenty-five cents, shall be taken and received for twenty cents only.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be, from time to time, struck and coined at the Mint of the United States, and the branches thereof, conformably in all respects to law, and to the present standard for silver coins of the United States, coins of silver of the denomination of double dime pieces, each of said coins to be of the value of twenty cents, and a legal tender in all cases for that sum; and all laws now in force in relation to the coins of the United States, for regulating the striking and coining the same, for preventing the counterfeiting or debasing of coins, or for any other purpose, whether penal or otherwise, shall have full force and effect, so far as the same may be applicable, in relation to the new coins herein authorized.

Philad 5th Feby 1850.

James R. Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint

Dear Sir

Keyser & Coppersmith, was before me in a proceeding under the provisions of the act abolishing imprisonment for debt. Keyser had been sent to California, under a contract with Michael Zimmerman, Esq of this place. Coppersmith under a contract with C. Kelly Esq, & others. By these contracts they were to remain there two years, and give to those who sent them, the one half of the proceeds of their labour. They both stated on oath that they had made some $800 or $900 ~~of~~ each. out of which they had paid their passage & other expenses, in all amtg to between $400 & $500 each. That they had sold their Gold dust in New York to a Broker, had not deposited any in the Mint in Philadelphia, nor elsewhere themselves, nor any person for them. The whole of the testimony satisfied me that they had sworn falsely and I believed they had in addition to the amount expended some $2300 each, including the Deposits in the Mint. In consequence of this belief, I suggested to you the propriety of retaining the Deposits & return them; I believe now that they have the certificates in their possession.

I know that you could not be made a Garnishee, nor could payment be withheld against an innocent holder of the certificate. But where a fraud has been committed, & crime of a dark & deep dye committed also, it seems that no person would consider it improper in the Officers of the Mint, to withhold, & refuse payment until the parties rights were judicially ascertained.

I am with sentiments of
respect & esteem Yours

John Bredin

Baltimore. 5th February 1850

To the
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia
Sir,

Your favor of yesterday's date is to hand. I have received from Mess Adams &Co your certificate which has been deposited in Bank for Collection.

Can any time be fixed upon as the maximum time when returns in coin may be counted upon from dust sent to the mint. I have made enquiries of several large receivers, but neither they or the Banks can give me the desired information.

Excuse the trouble I have given you in this small affair.

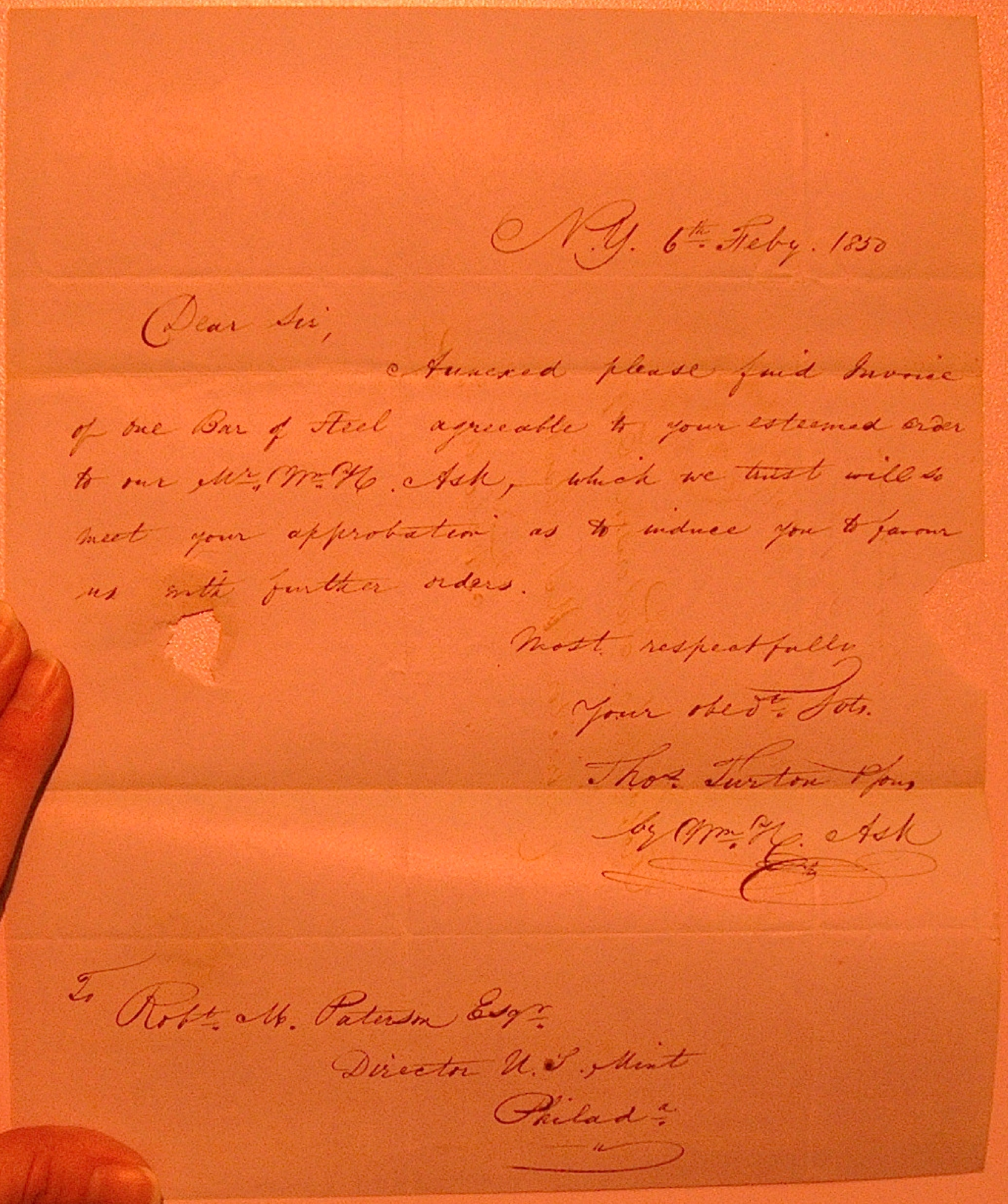
Very respy
Your Obt Servant
J Mercer Carrere

No. 2288 ready for payment Jan. 30/50

No 174 Newark N. J. Feby 6th 1850

Please Send me the aſsay of Gold Bullion deposited by me January 15th 1850 and Oblige Yours Respectfully

No 36 Wm St. James Whittemore



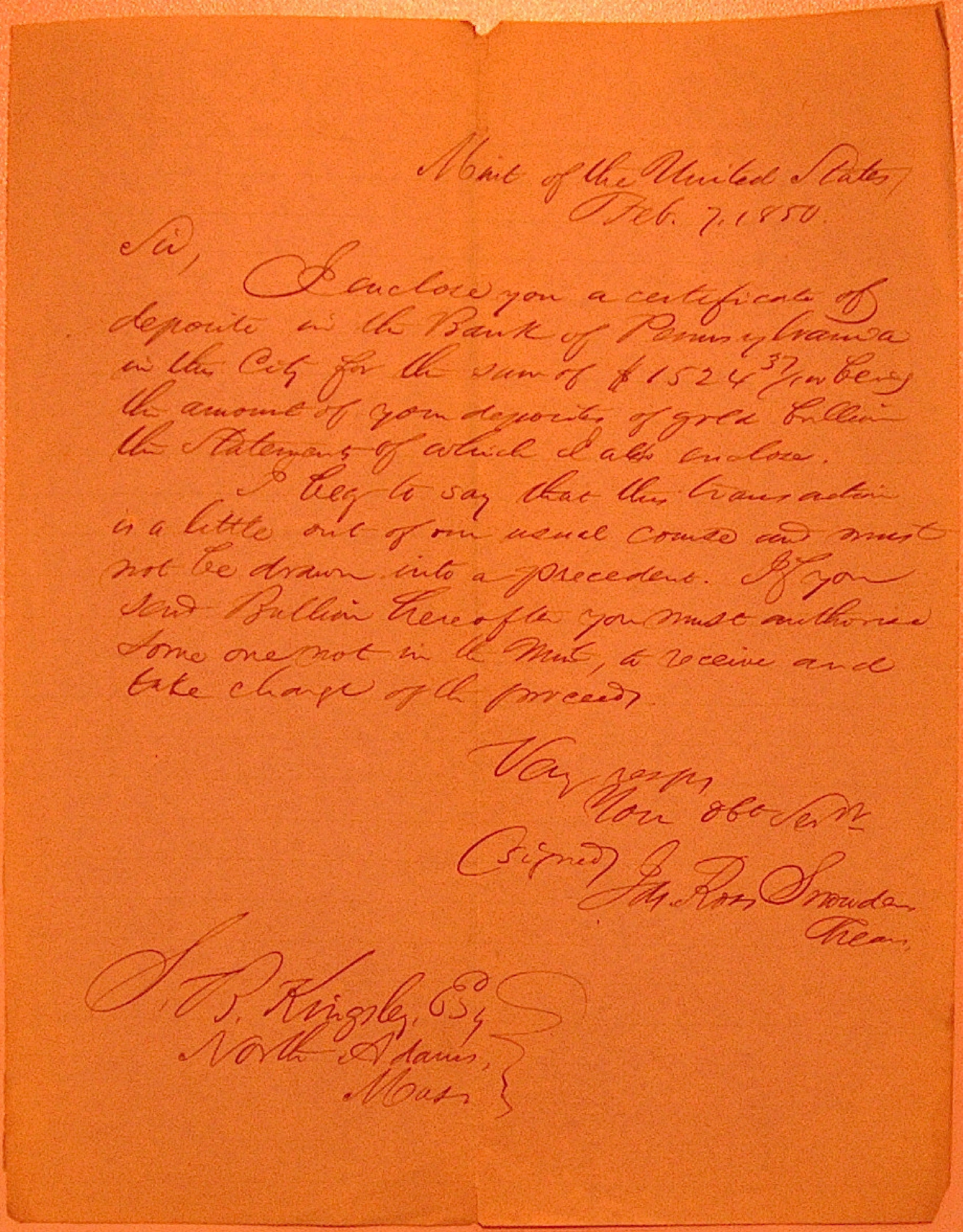
N.Y. 6th Feby. 1850

Dear Sir,

Annexed please find Invoice of one Bar of Steel agreeable to your esteemed order to our Mr. Wm. H. Ask, which we trust will so meet your approbation as to induce you to favour us with further orders.

Most respectfully
Your obedt. Svts.
Thos. Turton & Sons
by Wm. H. Ask

To Robt. M. Paterson Esqr.
Director U.S. Mint
Philada.



Mint of the United States,
Feb. 7, 1850.

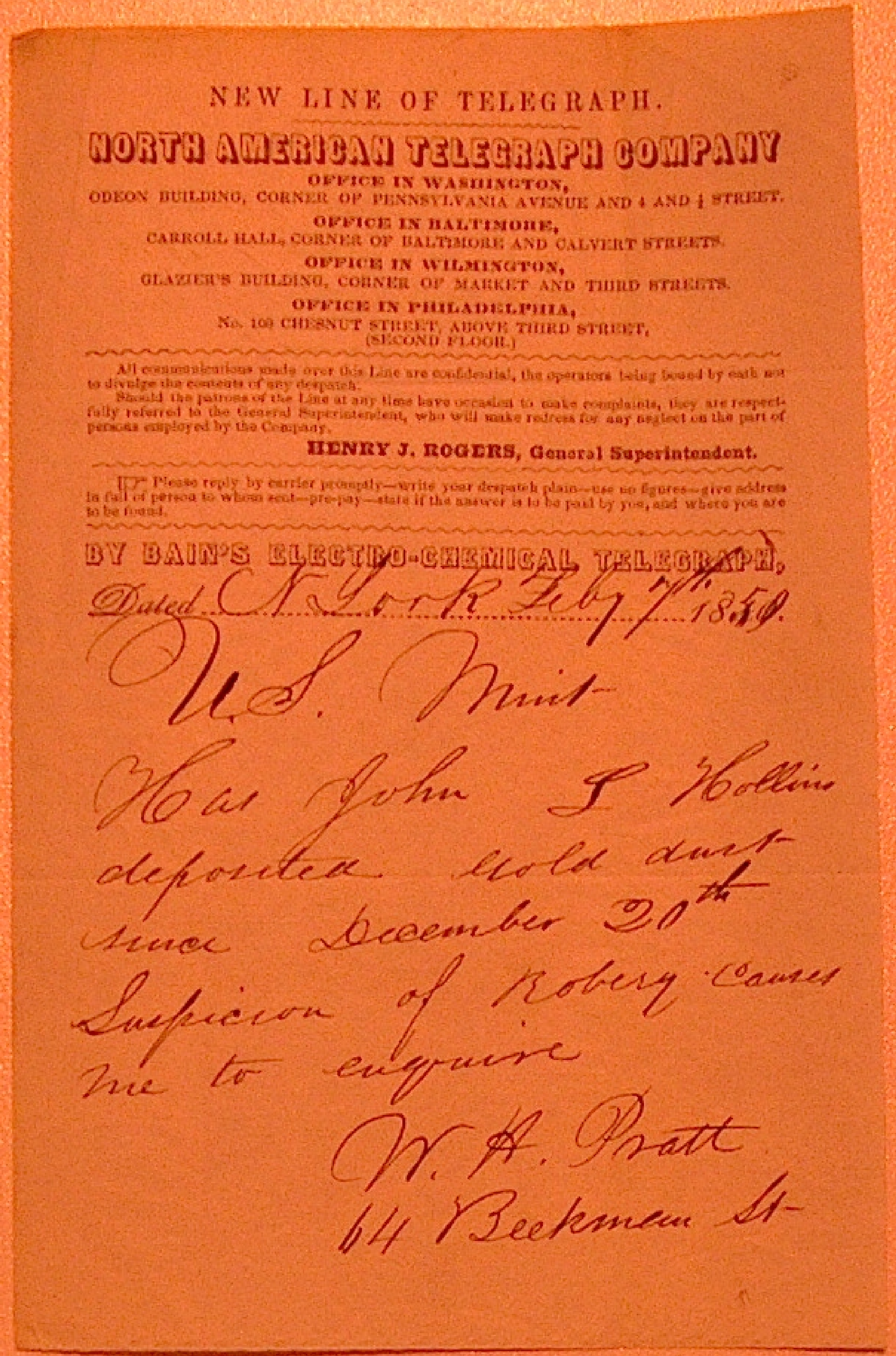
Sir,

I enclose you a certificate of deposite in the Bank of Pennsylvania in this City for the sum of $1524 37/100 being the amount of your deposites of gold bullion the Statement of which I also enclose.

I beg to say that this transaction is a little out of our usual course and must not be drawn into a precedent. If you send Bullion hereafter you must authorise some one not in the Mint, to receive and take charge of the proceeds.

Very resp'y
Your obt Servt
(Signed) Jas. Ross Snowden
Treas.

S. B. Kingsley, Esq
North Adams,
Mass.



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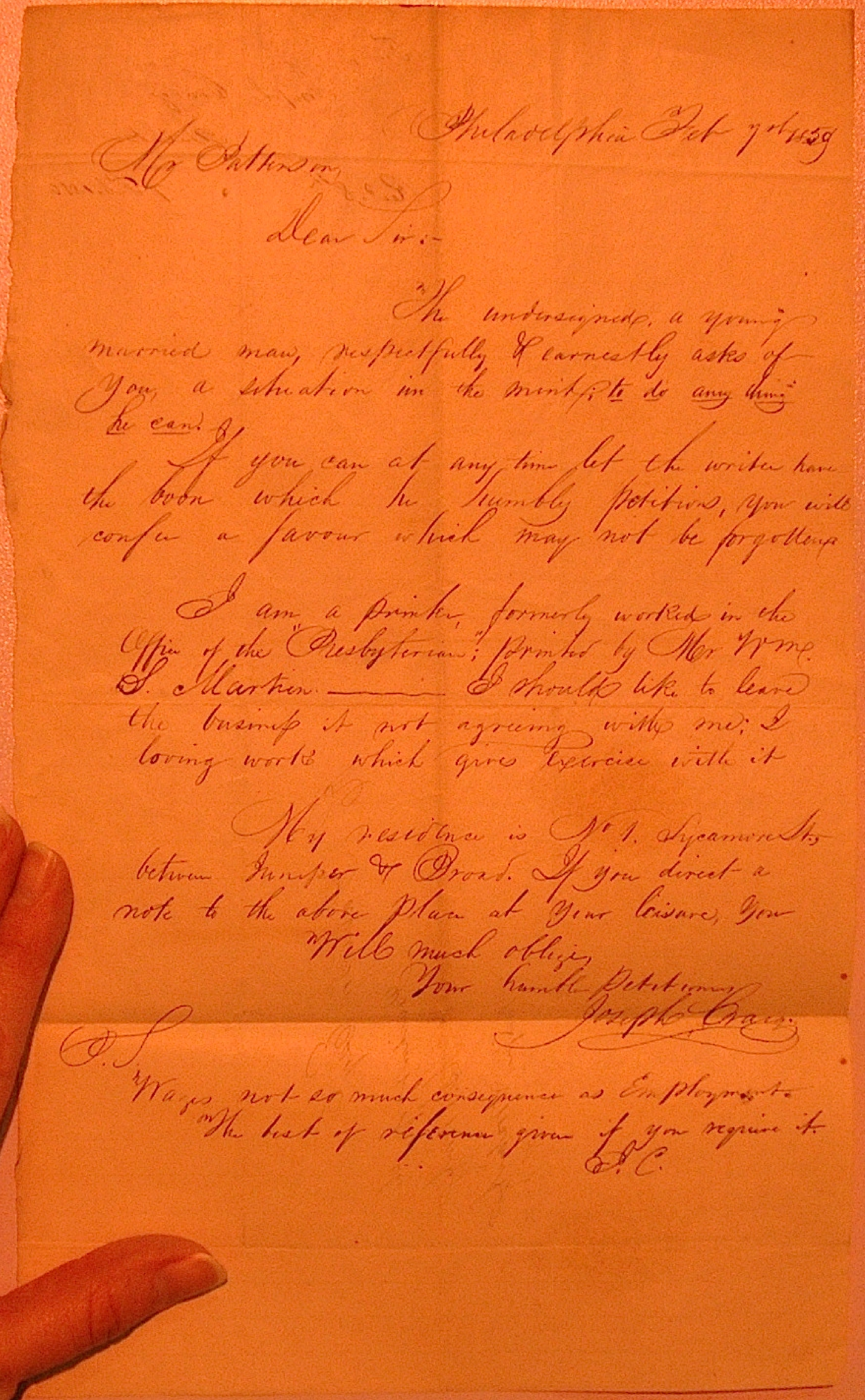
BY BAIN'S ELECTRO-CHEMICAL TELEGRAPH,

Dated N York Feby 7th 1850.

U.S. Mint

Has John J Hollins
deposited Gold dust
since December 20th
Suspicion of Robery causes
me to enquire

W. H. Pratt
64 Beekman St



Philadelphia Feb 7th 1859

Mr Patterson

Dear Sir:-

The undersigned, a young married man, respectfully & earnestly asks of You, a situation in the Mint, to do any thing he can.

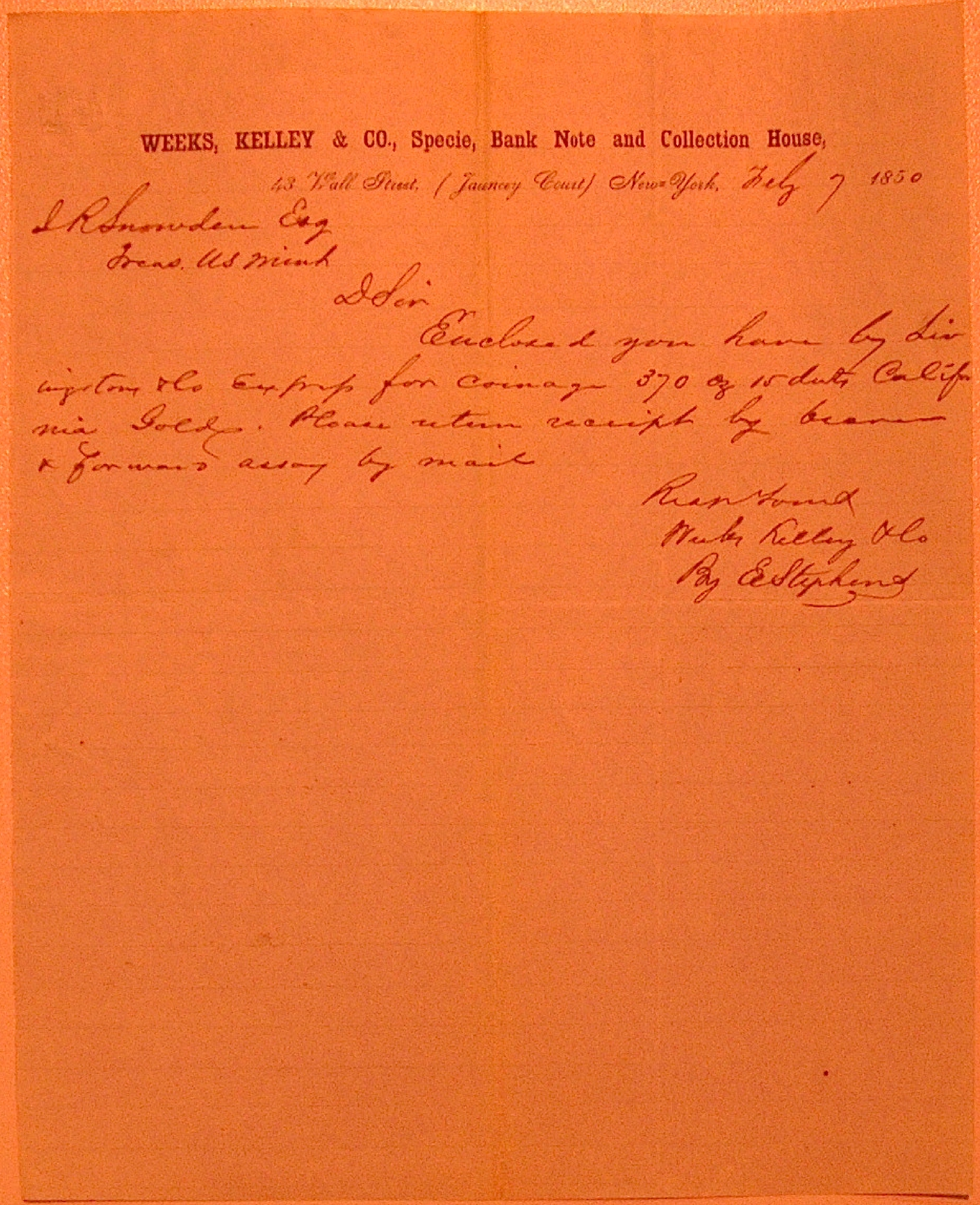
If you can at any time let the writer have the boon which he humbly petitions, you will confer a favour which may not be forgotten.

I am a printer, formerly worked in the Office of the "Presbyterian" printed by Mr Wm. S. Martien ——— I should like to leave the business it not agreeing with me; I loving work which gives exercise with it

My residence is No 1. Sycamore St. between Juniper & Broad. If you direct a note to the above place at Your leisure, You Will much oblige

Your humble Petitioner
Joseph Craig

P.S.
Wages not so much consequence as Employment.
The best of reference given if you require it.
J.C.



WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

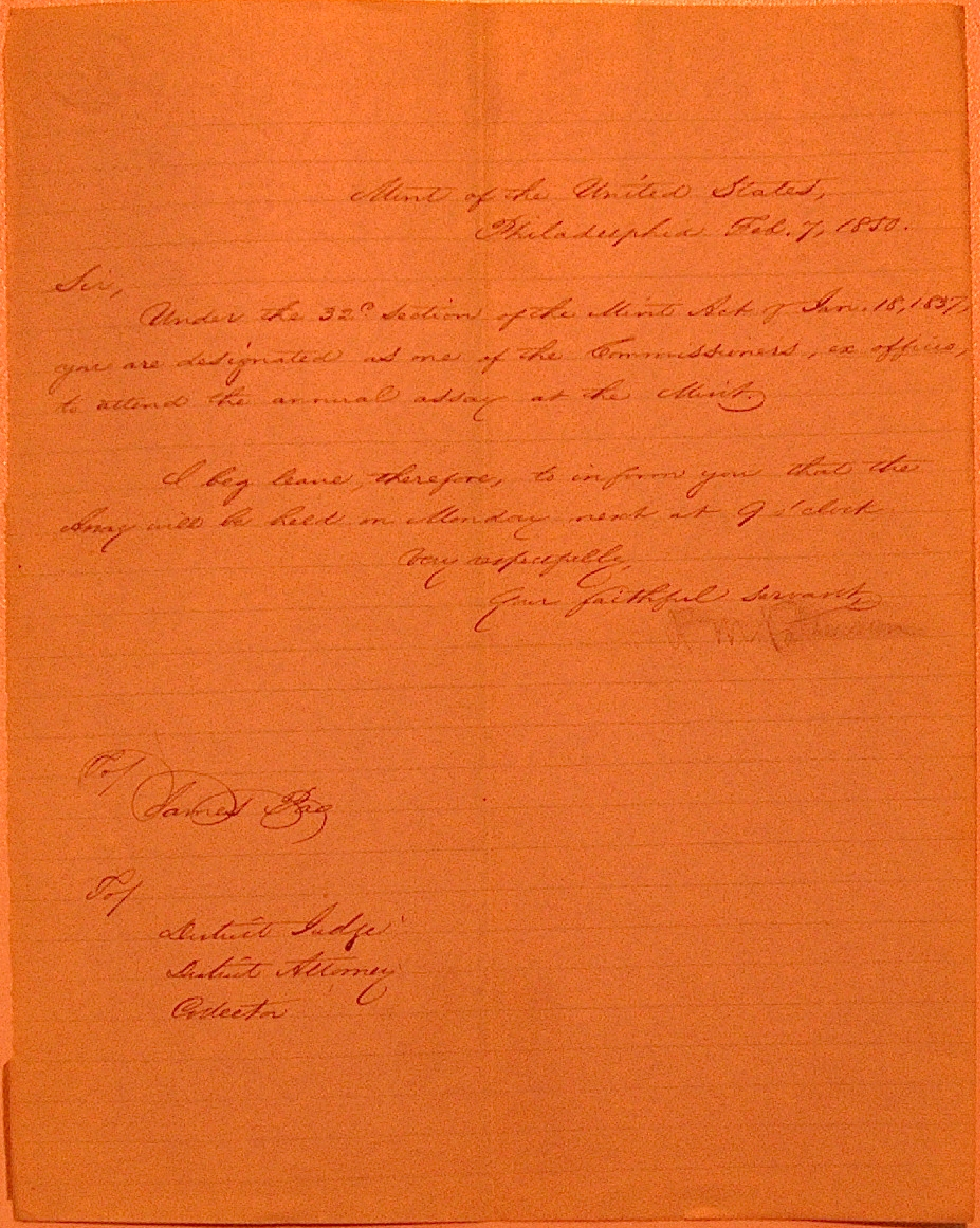
43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Feby 7 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Treas. US Mint

D Sir

Enclosed you have by Livingston & Co Express for coinage 370 oz 15 dwts California Gold. Please return receipt by bearer & forward assay by mail

Resp Yours
Weeks Kelley & Co
By E Stephens



Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia Feb. 7, 1850.

Sir,

Under the 32d Section of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837, you are designated as one of the Commissioners, ex officio, to attend the annual assay at the Mint.

I beg leave, therefore, to inform you that the Assay will be held on Monday next at 9 o'clock.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson

To/
James Esq

To/
District Judge
District Attorney
Collector

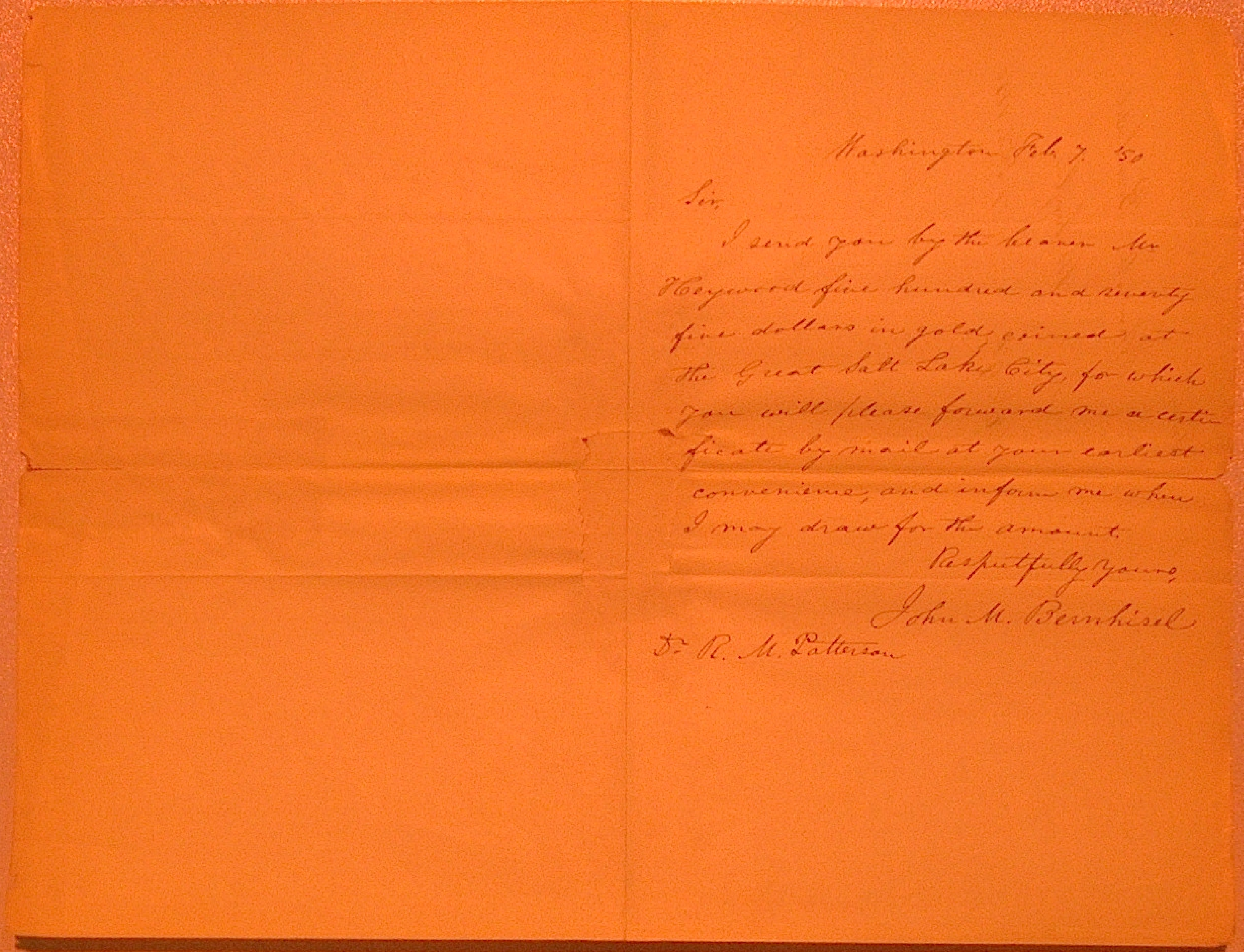
R. M. Patterson Esqre
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

New York Febry 7. 1850

Dear Sir

I beg to hand you inclosed receipt of Meſsr Adams & Co for One Box marked $\overset{B}{\underset{D}{R}}$ B no 9 shipped to your addreſs by their expreſs, containing Four hundred & twenty Ounces (420 Oz) Gold dust, which you will please to coin into five or ten Dollar pieces as may be most expedient, & send me the Mint certificate therefore at the same time informing me when the same will be ready for delivery.

Your's very respectfully



Washington Feb. 7. '50

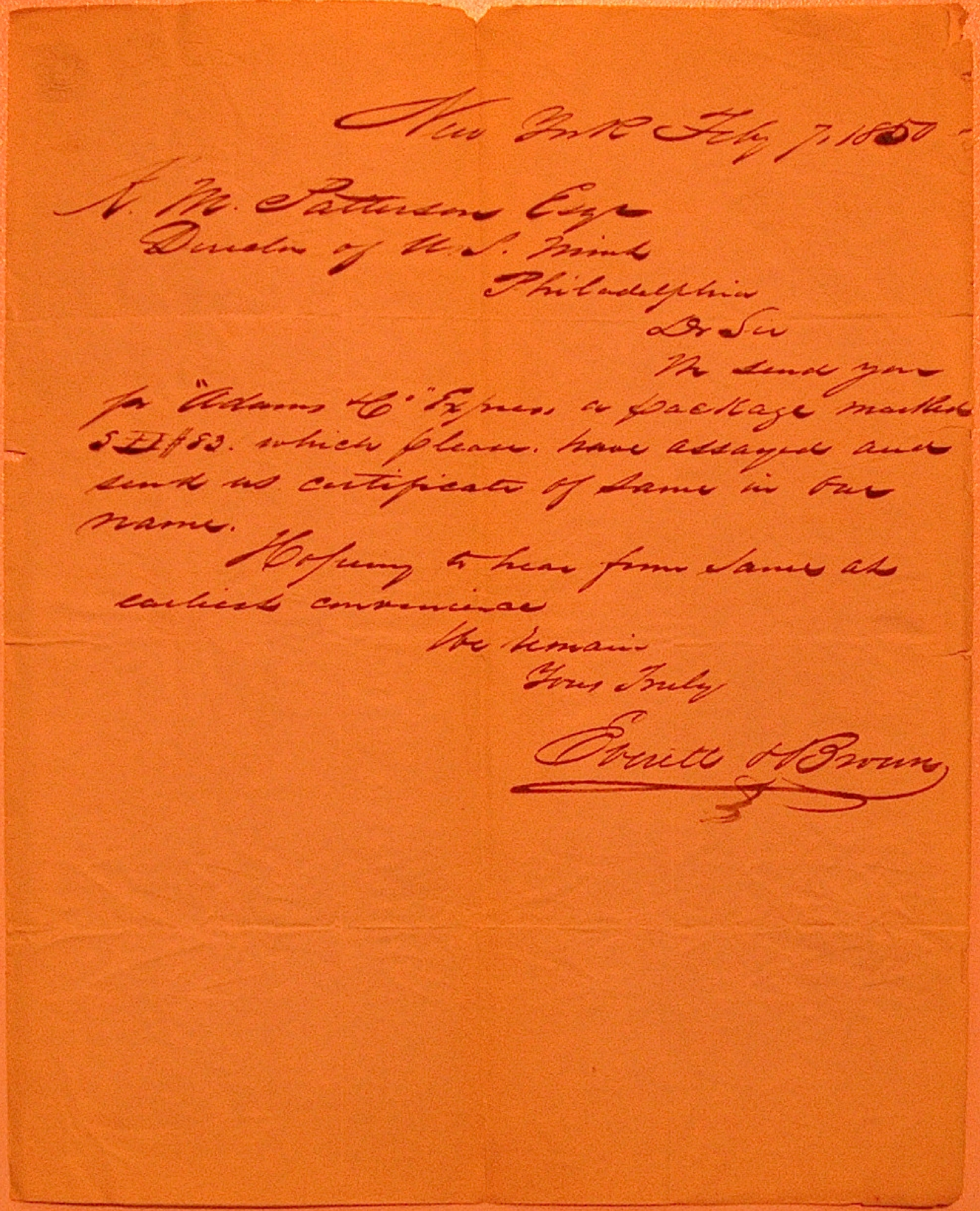
Sir,

I send you by the bearer Mr Heywood five hundred and seventy five dollars in gold coined at the Great Salt Lake City, for which you will please forward me a certificate by mail at your earliest convenience, and inform me when I may draw for the amount.

Respectfully yours,

John M. Bernhisel

Dr R. M. Patterson



New York Feby 7, 1850

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

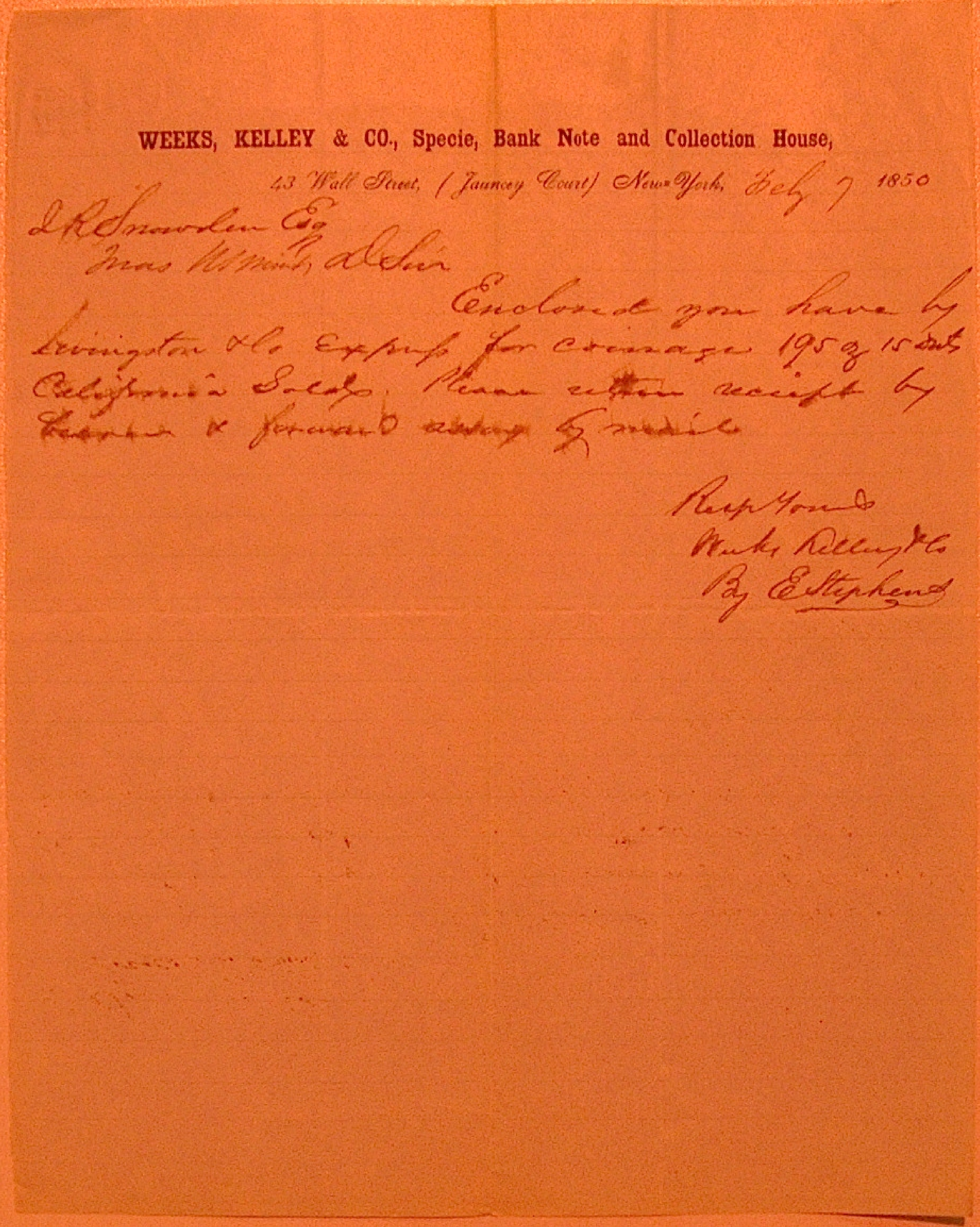
Dr Sir

We send you per "Adams & Co" Express a package marked SD #83. which please have assayed and send us certificate of same in our name.

Hoping to hear from same at earliest convenience

We remain
Yours Truly

Everett & Brown



WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Feby 7 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Treas US Mint, D Sir

Enclosed you have by Livingston & Co express for coinage 195 oz 15 dwts California Gold. Please return receipt by bearer & forward assay by mail.

Resp Yours
Weeks Kelley & Co
By E Stephens

Mint U.S.
Phil. Feb. 8, 1850.

Sir,

~~Your rec~~

I received last evening your telegraphic despatch, and I have had our books carefully examined, from the beginning of Decemb. to this day, but the name of John L. Hollins ~~is~~ was not found in them. ~~since the beginning of December~~

R. M. P.
Dir

Wm. H. Pratt, Esq.

3 Warren Street
New York. 8th Feb 1850.

Sir:

Presuming that the enormous increase of the Importations of California Gold, occasions a considerable addition to the ordinary employment of the Officers of the Mint, I beg to enquire whether you have an opportunity of making such services as I could render, useful in carrying on the business of that Establishment.

I am Englishman of unquestionable respectability and industry, recently arrived in this Country. I have studied under the first chemists in England, that branch of Chemistry, which applies to the assaying and valuing of all descriptions of minerals, and have worked for some time as an assayer of Gold & Silver, and I flatter myself that my qualifications in that Branch of my Profession would be found unobjectionable. I am 35 Years of Age, and as an Accountant and clerk of Business I possess qualities far exceeding mediocrity. I am also acquainted with the usual practice of refining, but I must also admit, that I have had no qualification in that branch.

If you should be in want of assistance in any department, not absolutely laborious, I shall be happy to hear from you, and as my object is to ~~be~~ obtain employment rather than remuneration I shall not be very particular about the terms: for I feel confident that my talent and zeal, would be duly appreciated, after a reasonable trial, and a due recompense awarded me for the same.

Trusting to hear from you,
I remain respectfully
Sir:
Your obed Serv
W. Major Barrett,

Address. W. Major Barrett
Care of Dr. Pendleton Bridges
3 Warren Street
New York.

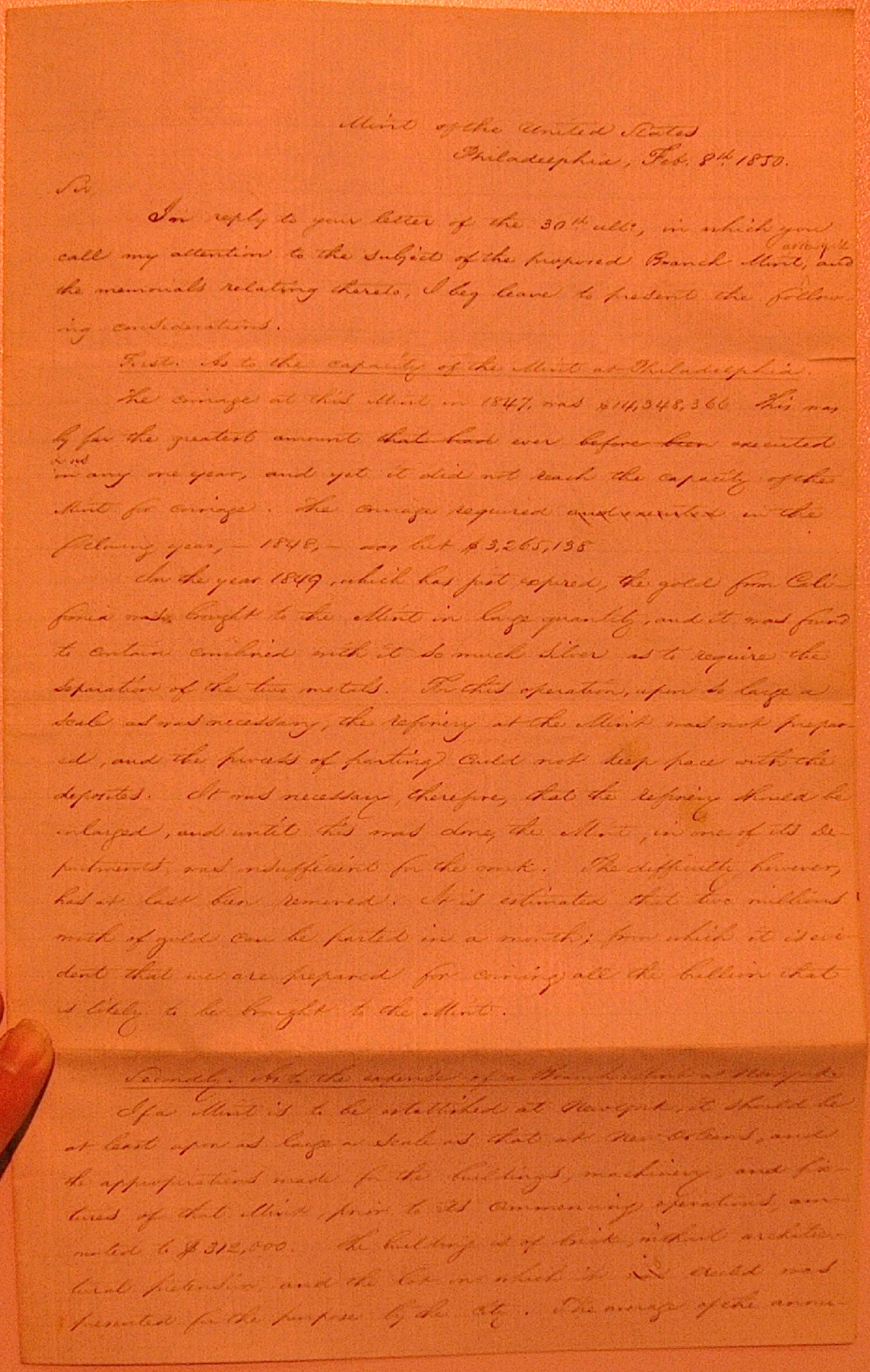
North Adams Mass Feb 8th 50

Dear Sir

I received yours of Jan saying you would deposit in the bank to my credit &c. I have not received the certificate. I will thank you to send it immediately.

And Oblige Your
Obd Servant
Saml. B. Kingsley

Mr James R. Snowden
Treasurer of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa



Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Feb. 8th 1850.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto, in which you call my attention to the subject of the proposed Branch Mint at N. York, and the memorials relating thereto, I beg leave to present the following considerations.

First. As to the capacity of the Mint at Philadelphia.

The coinage at this Mint in 1847, was $14,348,366. This was by far the greatest amount ~~that had~~ ever before ~~been~~ executed had in any one year, and yet it did not reach the capacity of the Mint for coinage. The coinage required ~~and executed~~ in the following year, — 1848, — was but $3,265,135

In the year 1849, which has just expired, the gold from California was brought to the Mint in large quantity, and it was found to contain combined with it so much silver as to require the separation of the two metals. For this operation, upon so large a scale as was necessary, the refinery at the Mint was not prepared, and the process of parting could not keep pace with the deposites. It was necessary, therefore, that the refinery should be enlarged, and until this was done, the Mint, in one of its departments, was insufficient for the work. The difficulty, however, has at last been removed. It is estimated that two millions worth of gold can be parted in a month; from which it is evident that we are prepared for coining all the bullion that is likely to be brought to the Mint.

Secondly. As to the expenses of a Branch Mint at New York.

If a Mint is to be established at New York, it should be at least upon as large a scale as that at New Orleans, and the appropriations made for the buildings, machinery, and fixtures of that Mint, prior to its commencing operations, amounted to $312,000. The building is of brick, without architectural pretension, and the lot on which it is erected was presented for the purpose by the city. The average of the annual appropriations for that Mint, for ten years, was $55,365. With a lot to pay for, and with much greater coinage to execute, a Mint at New York would no doubt require more than that at New Orleans, both for its first cost, and its subsequent expenses. I ~~have~~ am indeed, ~~no doubt~~ convinced that the annual charge of such a mint would be quite equal to that of the Mint here, which costs from seventy to eighty thousand dollars a year.

Thirdly. As to the necessity for the proposed Mint.

It being evident from the foregoing statements that the proposed Mint is not required from any want of capacity in the existing Mint, and that its establishment would prove a heavy charge to the government, I shall now consider what are the contravailing arguments on which the advocates of the ~~proposed~~ ~~measure~~ project rest for its support. The Memorial of the New York Chamber of Commerce presents certain statistics, showing that in the year 1847 * twenty one millions of dollars out of the twenty four millions of specie imported into the United States was ~~imported~~ received into the ports of Boston & New York, the greater portion at the former city, but principally, it is stated, for the account of the latter. ~~[illegible]~~ It also ~~presents~~ ~~gives~~ Estimates originally given of the amount of bullion received from emigrants and from California, tending to prove New York to be the great centre of specie imports. From this the inference is drawn that the Government should coin the specie where it is received, and that it is unjust to subject its owners in that city to the "risk, expense and delay" of remitting it to a Mint "nearly 100 miles off".

Upon this argument I would remark, that the year ~~[illegible]~~ 1847 which has been referred to, was one in which the influx of bullion to this country was extraordinary, and from the experience of which no safe inference could be drawn. In the fiscal year ending June 30th 1848 ~~[illegible]~~ portion of ~~your last report~~ to, the specie import was but $7,360,284, while the exports were $15,841,616, including ~~amount probably not equal to~~ $2,700,412 in our own coins. It is quite improperly assumed, too, that the facility of a mint would secure the coinage of all or even of a very large portion of such

bullion. The specie which fluctuates between different countries, especially between Great Britain & the U.S., is mostly set apart for the settlement of that portion of the commercial debts of each which, from temporary circumstances cannot be paid by the transfer of merchandise. It serves this purpose perfectly so long as it is in coin of a well ascertained value in whatever country struck, ~~whether foreign or domestic~~. It is not likely, ~~[illegible]~~ therefore, that a Bank or a merchant would be at the pains to have ~~foreign~~ such coins very extensively converted into ~~other~~ ~~[illegible]~~ our own coin, when in a few days or weeks they ~~it~~ may be needed for export to the very country from which they ~~it was~~ were received.

So far as it relates to the large excess of California gold received at New York, it should be borne in mind that ~~if the plan of the present administration for the establishment of~~ the intended a Mint in that region ~~[illegible]~~ be established, it is not improbable that a large portion of the imports of specie derived from that source will be in our own coin, fitted to pass at once into circulation.

It is quite evident, however, that New York receives at present a far greater amount of bullion than Philad.ª. But the argument that ~~would~~ infers from this fact, the necessity for a Branch Mint there, overlooks one essential point for consideration, and that is, at what points would the specie, if converted, be distributed? The national mint coins money without charge, not that it may benefit private merchants or importers here and there, but because a national coinage is a common benefit for the people at large. The inquiry then follows, where does the coin when it is made belong? where does it settle? where is the centre of specie wealth? Is it at New York, or at some more central location? If this inquiry be answered, there may be established a Mint at New York, and yet the people at large, the owners of the most coin, be as far off from their money as they are now. Some clue to this inquiry may be found in the Report of the Secʸ of the Treasʸ on the condition of the Banks, presented to Congress in August 1848. From that report it appears that about the beginning of the above year the States ~~which are more~~ not immediately connected with New York — namely Maine

N. H., Vermont, Mass, R. I. Conn. & N. Y. had $12,854,063 of specie in bank vaults; while those more likely to depend upon a Mint in Philad^a, say N. J., Penn, Del, Md. Va, Ohio, Louisiana & Kentucky had $19,465,867. So that customhouse tables of Specie importations do not show the eventual distribution of that Specie.

I shall now examine what is the real amount of expense, risk and delay to which Newyork is subjected from the necessity of transporting bullion to Philadelphia for coinage, and from which the memorial appeals to us for the remedy of a separate Branch Mint.

The ~~cost~~ expense of transporting between the cities is, for gold, 37½ cents per thousand dollars worth; for silver $1. If we suppose the amount which might be sent to us, on private account, to reach $6,000000 in gold and $1,500000 in silver, (quite an extravagant estimate) we shall find the entire cost complained of to be but $6250, and this would be somewhat reduced by the gain in the recoinage of foreign coin over its market value.

The risk of transport is shown, by experience, to be quite inappreciable. Of the amount coined in 1847, there was sent, to be coined on Government account, under the act of Feb. 9, 1793, $7,597,806 from Newyork, and $1,551,033 from Boston. These sums were carried by Adams & Co's express. The expense of transportation hither was paid on $8,615,993, and also on $4,485,812 of that ~~amount~~ money which was returned. The whole amount so transported, therefore, was $13,101,805, and the total cost was $5,474~~80~~. The sums brought to the Mint from Boston, Newyork and Baltimore, and returned, have for many years been almost exclusively entrusted to the express lines, and not a single ~~a~~ instance of loss has occurred to my knowledge.

The delay in making returns to depositors at the Mint is at present quite considerable, but the reasons for this, as it has been already explained, are of only a temporary ~~character~~ period. We confidently expect to resume, before a very long period, the prompt payments which formerly characterised us, when the delay to the depositor never exceeded the time necessary to ascertain, by assay, the value deposited. This was generally two days; but if the deposits were in coins of a well ascertained character the return was made on the very day ~~[illegible]~~ of the deposite ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] the Mint. In addition to this delay, required by the operations of the Mint ~~which it cannot be avoided~~, a depositor from New-york would be subjected to that necessary for the transport of his bullion to Phil and back, being at most, but two days more. The loss of interest for this time on the amount which we have supposed might finally be sent to from that city, on private account ($7,500,000) is about but $2500.

It therefore appears that, estimated in money, the whole ~~[illegible]~~ advantage of which Philada ~~New-york~~ has at present over N.Y. ~~Philad~~ in securing the coinage of bullion ~~from the deposits, now~~, is about but $8750. Surely this does not present a case of such hardship as to require for its remedy an annual charge to the ~~government~~ government of near $105000.

But there are other means of securing ~~bringing~~ the benefits ~~effecting the speedy coinage~~ of re-coinage to New-york than the establishment of a Mint, and the consequent heavy ~~with all the expensive~~ expenditure for building, machinery, fixtures, ~~officers~~ salaries & wages; and I shall now briefly indicate the outlines of a plan which while it will extend the usefulness of the Mint at Philada, and ~~to~~ prove but a trifling charge to the government will meet the objects of the memorialists.

The plan I propose should constitute the Assᵗ Treasʳ at New-york the agent of the ~~govt~~ U.S. in the receipt of bullion for coinage at the Mint; the Director of the Mint should have authority to contract for the transmission of the same to Philª at the risk and expense of the ~~U.S.~~ U.S., ~~which should~~ requiring sufficient security of the transporters; the value of the bullion should be ascertained by the Assayer of the Mint and a report of the same ~~[illegible]~~ sent without delay to the Assᵗ Treasʳ at New-york, who should thereupon pay the amount to the depositor from the ready ~~proceeds~~ ~~of the~~ bullion fund of the Mint previously provided to him. ~~which he should be provided~~

By such a plan, which is perfectly feasible, all the "expense and risk" to the New-york depositor are avoided; the trifling "delay" required for transmission between the two cities it seems not too much to ask that he should patiently submit to.

The annual charge to the government for such an arrangement including freights, salaries and incidental expenses, ~~should~~ need not exceed $12000. Nor is this all. For an amount probably not one half of the yearly cost of a New-york Mint, such agencies might be established, not only there, but in the cities of Boston, Baltimo

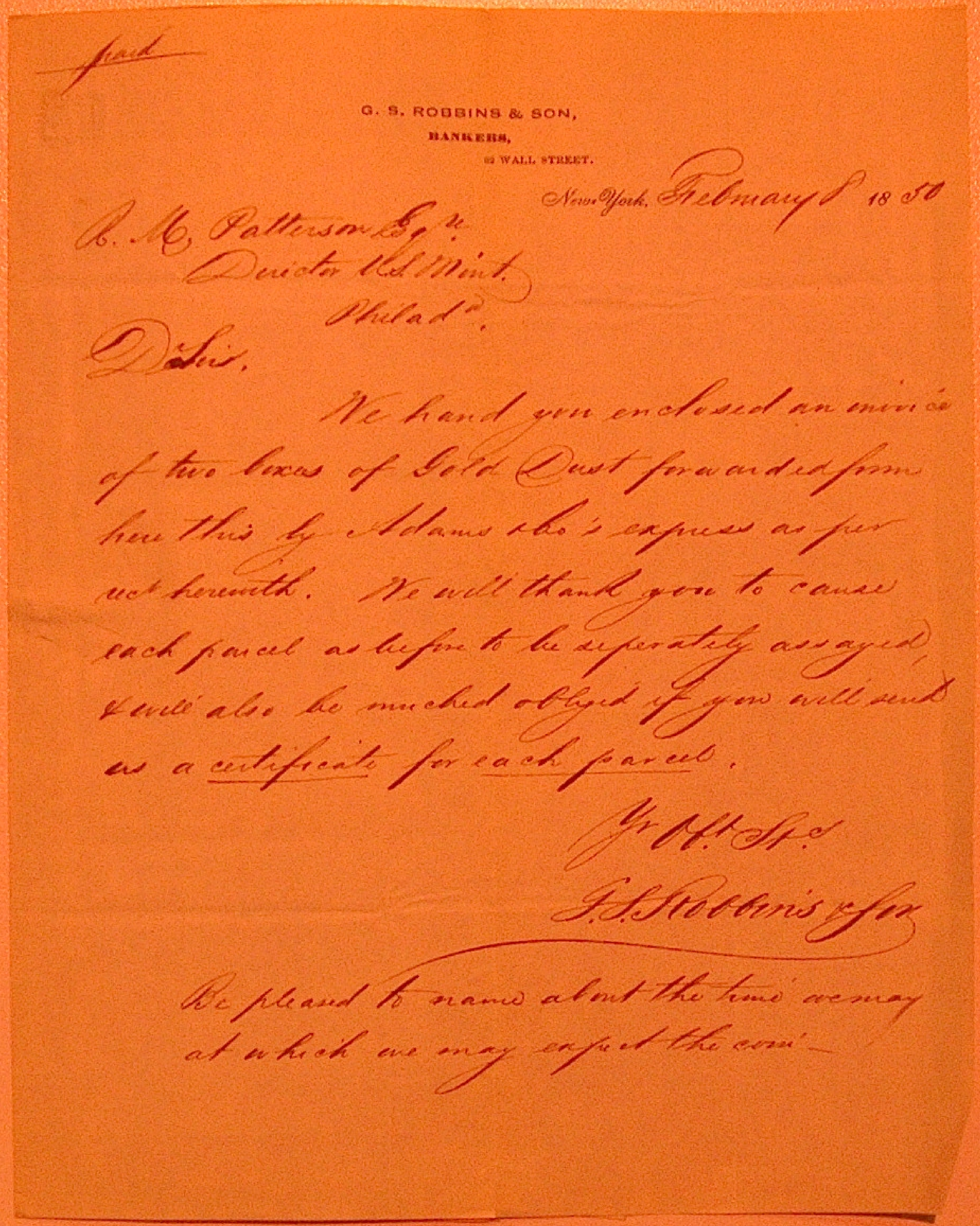
Pittsburg and Cincinnati. The Mint at Phil^a would continue its functions of manufacturing the bullion, while ~~deposited~~ branches of deposit at the various seats of commerce would secure all which can be reasonably asked of government, namely the means of promptly exchanging a foreign for a national currency.

From the foregoing considerations, and others on which I have not touched, it seems to me apparent that there is no necessity for a ~~National~~ Mint at New York so long as the establishment at Phila is continued. There is not now, nor is it likely there will be, sufficient business to keep both employed. The question, resolved into its naked elements, appears to me simply this: whether New York or Philad^a shall have the Mint. Considering the present direction of the imports of bullion, it is evident that if Congress shall decide for the former city, the present institution, now so fully equipped and in perfect working order, and standing in the first rank of such establishments, must either be dismantled and vacated, or remain a useless incubus on the Treasury. On the other hand should the course of that trade change,—should the overland Railroad to & ~~from~~ to the ~~Ne~~ Pacific be constructed, and Philad^a thus become, as is confidently anticipated, the most accessible point of connection between the Atlantic States and the golden region of California,—the Mint at New York, if established, would in its turn be supplanted and become useless. But in any case a single Mint is sufficient, and none could be better adapted to the purpose than the present establishment.

R. M. P.

Sr

Hon. James Cooper
U. S. Senate
Hon. J. R. Chandler
H. R. U. S.
Washington



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G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
[illegible] WALL STREET.

New-York, February 8 1850

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director U.S. Mint.
Philad.a

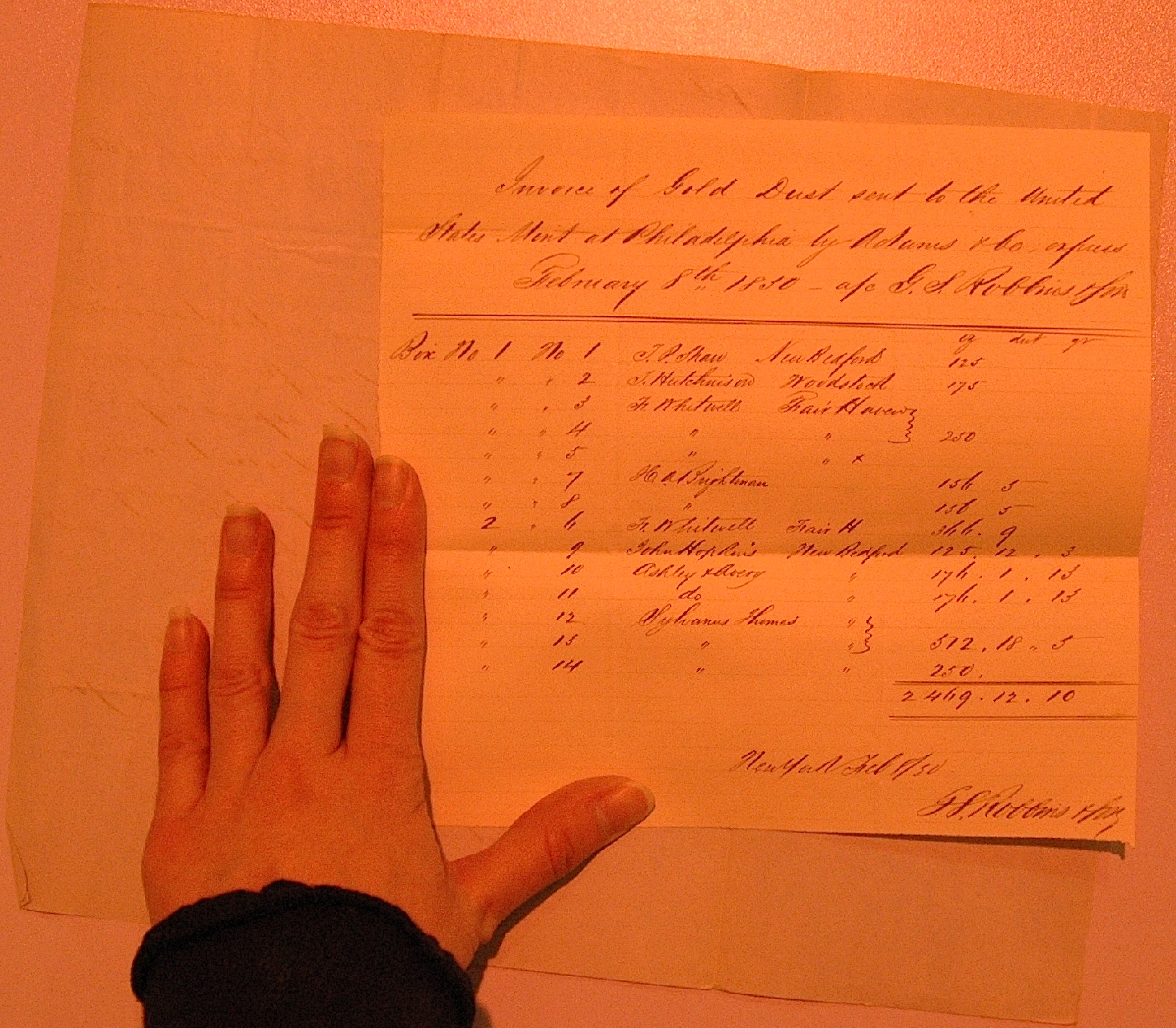
D.r Sir,

We hand you enclosed an invoice of two boxes of Gold Dust forwarded from here this by Adams & Co's express as per rec.t herewith. We will thank you to cause each parcel as before to be separately assayed, & will also be muched obliged if you will send us a certificate for each parcel.

Yr Obt Sts

G. S. Robbins & Son

Be pleased to name about the time we may at which we may expect the coin—

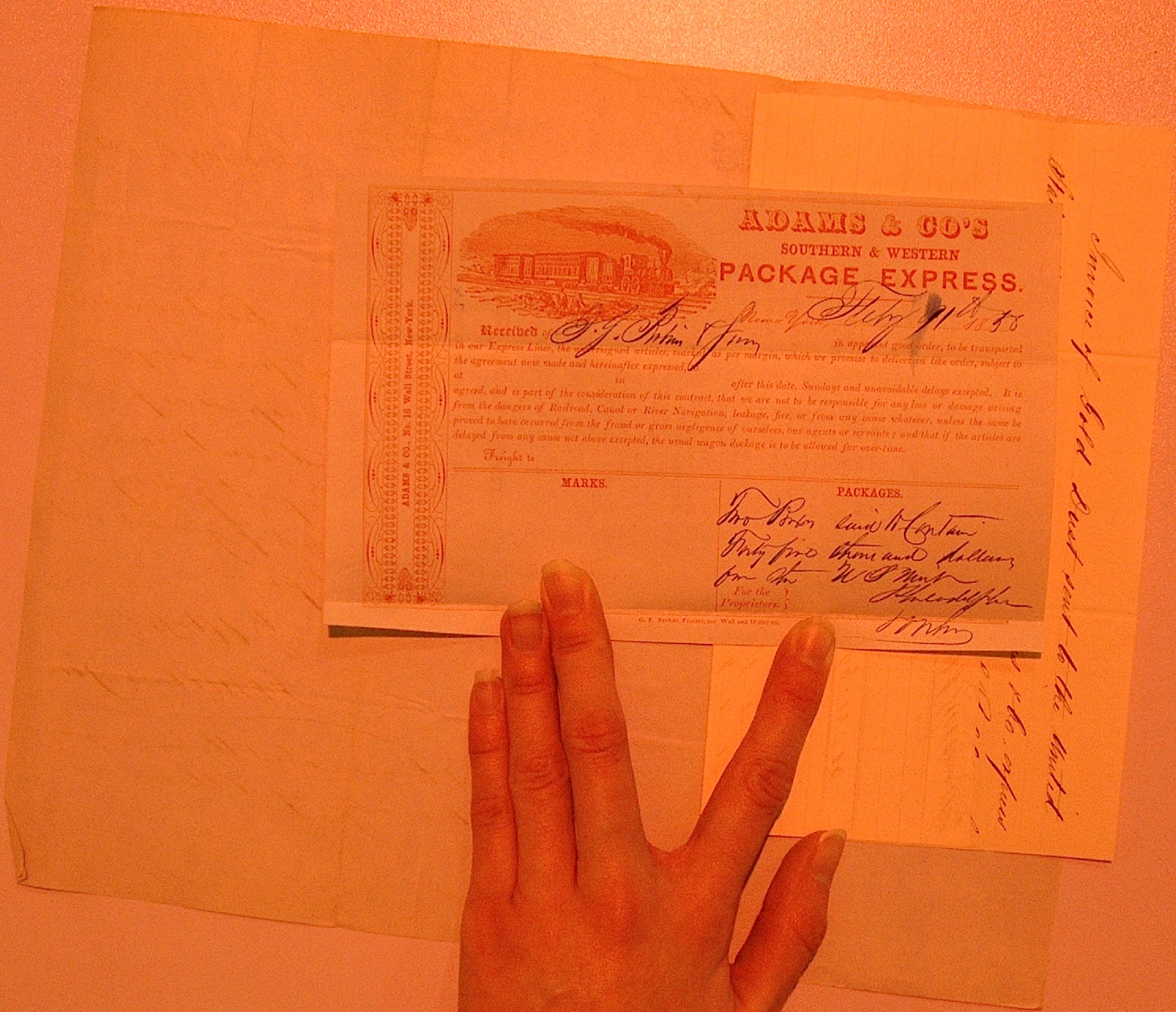


Invoice of Gold Dust sent to the United States Mint at Philadelphia by Adams & Co. express February 8th 1850 – a/c G. S. Robbins Esqr

				oz	dwt	gr
Box No 1	No 1	T. P. Shaw	New Bedford	125		
"	" 2	J. Hutchinson	Woodstock	175		
"	" 3	F. Whitwell	Fair Haven			
"	" 4	"	"	250		
"	" 5	"	" x			
"	" 7	H. A. Brightman		156	5	
"	" 8	"		156	5	
2	" 6	F. Whitwell	Fair H	366	9	
"	9	John Hopkins	New Bedford	125	12	3
"	10	Ashley & Avery	"	176	1	13
"	11	do	"	176	1	13
"	12	Sylvanus Thomas	"			
"	13	"	"	512	18	5
"	14	"	"	250		
				2469	12	10

New York Feb 9/50.

G. S. Robbins Esq



ADAMS & CO'S
SOUTHERN & WESTERN
PACKAGE EXPRESS.

New York Feby 11th 1858

Received of S. J. Robins & Son in apparent good order, to be transported in our Express Lines, the undersigned articles, marked as per margin, which we promise to deliver in like order, subject to the agreement now made and hereinafter expressed, to at in after this date, Sundays and unavoidable delays excepted. It is agreed, and is part of the consideration of this contract, that we are not to be responsible for any loss or damage arising from the dangers of Railroad, Canal or River Navigation, leakage, fire, or from any cause whatever, unless the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of ourselves, our agents or servants; and that if the articles are delayed from any cause not above excepted, the usual wagon dockage is to be allowed for over-time.

Freight to

MARKS.	PACKAGES.
	Two Boxes said to Contain Forty five thousand dollars for the U S Mint Philadelphia

For the Proprietors.

ADAMS & CO. No. 16 Wall Street, New-York.

G. F. Nesbitt, Printer, cor. Wall and Water sts.

Invoice of Gold Dust sent to the United

New York 8th Feby 1850

To the Superintendent of
the U.S. Mint
Phila

Sir,

We enclose Adams & Co's receipt for a small Box just recd from San Francisco, marked M & S No 1 sealed as per annexed portion of the origl Bill of Lading, and said to contain Two Hundred & five ounces Gold Dust. — The freight stipulated with Adams &c is 5%.—

We beg you to return us the nett proceeds when coined through Adams & Co and should be much indebted if you would inform us when we can expect to receive the same.

We remain

Respectfully
Yours
Moran Phelan

Recd Weighed.

No 1

ADAMS & CO'S EXPRESS

ADAMS & CO'S

Boston, New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Wheeling

PACKAGE EXPRESS.

OFFICES, 9 Court Street Boston, 16 Wall-st. New-York, 80 Chestnut-st. Philadelphia, 102 Baltimore-st. Baltimore, Penn. Av. Washington, — Water-st. Wheeling.

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New-York, Feby 8 1850

Received of Moran & Iselin

One Box

Marked, M & I #1
a/c Moran & Iselin
New York
for U S Mint
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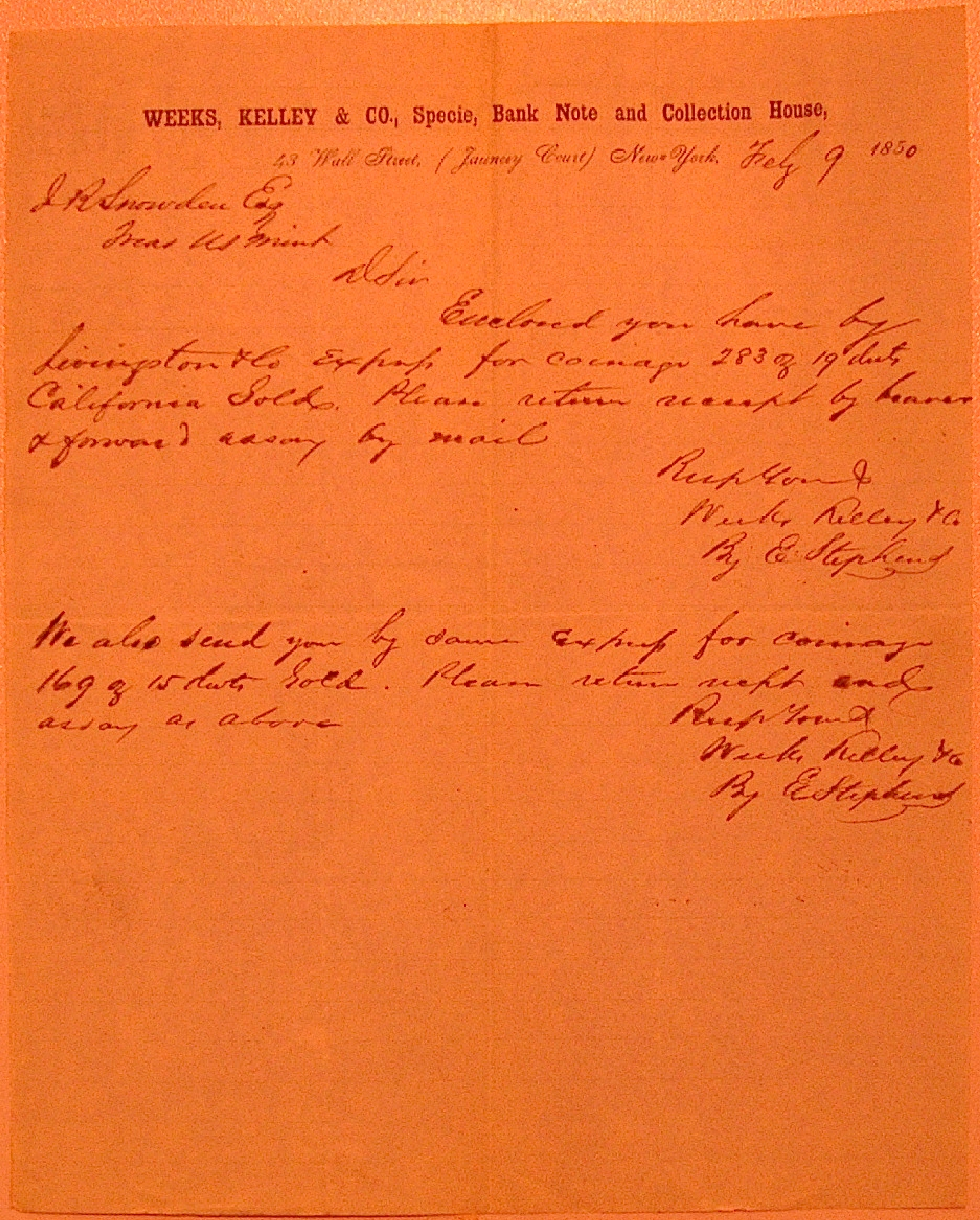
to be forwarded as addressed, (loss by fire, water, breakage, leakage and perils of the seas excepted.)

For Adams & Co. Stevenson

Nesbitt, Stationer and Printer, cor. Wall and Water sts.



WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Feby 9 1850

J R Snowden Esq

Treas US Mint

D Sir

Enclosed you have by Livingston & Co Express for coinage 283 oz 19 dwts California Gold. Please return receipt by bearer & forward assay by mail

Resp Yours

Weeks Kelley & Co

By E Stephens

We also send you by same express for coinage 169 oz 15 dwts Gold. Please return recpt and assay as above

Resp Yours

Weeks Kelley & Co

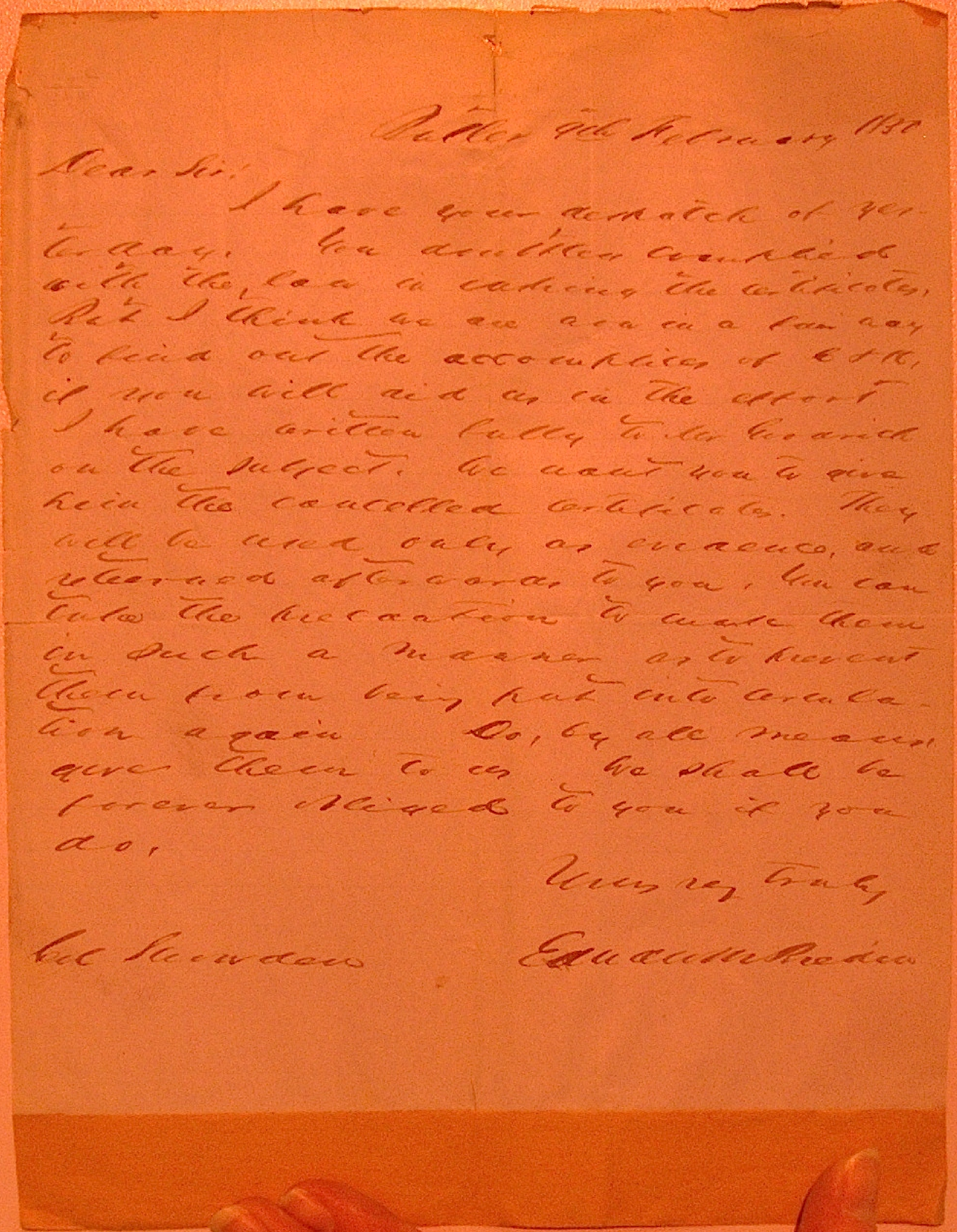
By E Stephens

Philadelphia Febuary the 9th 1850

I the under signed Do hereby certify And believe that the bearer of this Mr Conrad Sypple Who has been living in A house of Mine as tennant of the Same No 18 Pratt St. During five year time And My Self A Neighbour to him in the Same Street at No 11 To be An honest industrous Sober and Civil Man And A firstrate workman at his trade And Very Prompt in Paying me my Rent and in the best Money and Would have No Objecting to Recommending him to Any Person or Persons As A Suitable and good Man for any Situation or Place he may apply For Or that may be given to him and I would Futher State that Mr Conrad Sypple is now my tennant at this time and pays his Rent as prompt now as befor the unfortunate occurence by wich he Lost his Arm wich I believe if had not happened He never would applied for any Situation but would have followed his trade as he did before it happened

Yours Respectfully

Henry R. Norman No 474
Callowhill street
Bricklayer



Dallas 9th February 1880

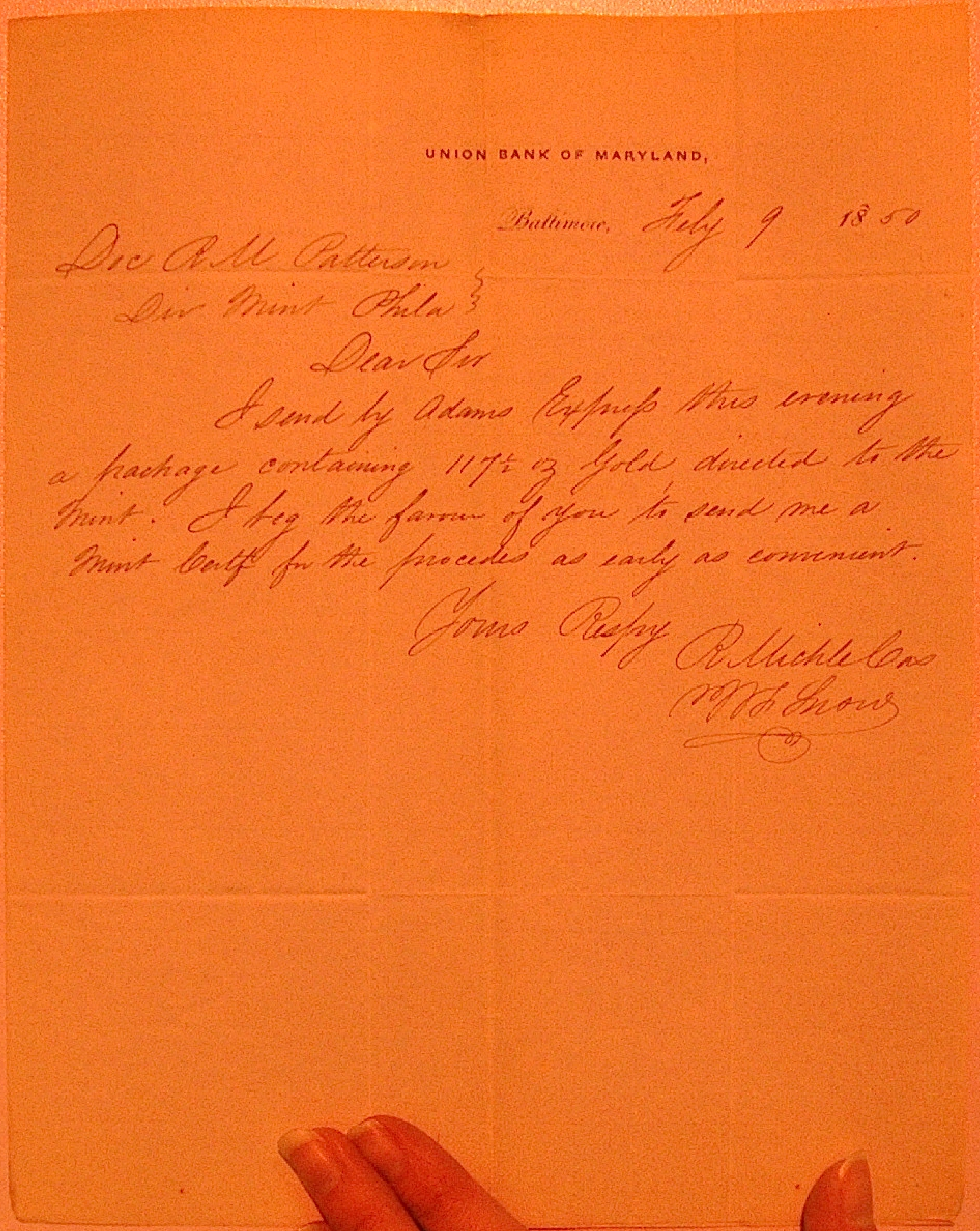
Dear Sir;

I have your despatch of yesterday. You doubtless complied with the law in cashing the certificates, But I think we are now in a fair way to find out the accomplices of Esk, if you will aid us in the effort. I have written fully to Mr Renwick on the subject. We want you to give him the cancelled certificates. They will be used only as evidence, and returned afterwards to you. You can take the precaution to mark them in such a manner as to prevent them from being put into circulation again. Do, by all means give them to us. We shall be forever obliged to you if you do.

Very resp Truly,

Col Snowden

Edward M Roden



UNION BANK OF MARYLAND,

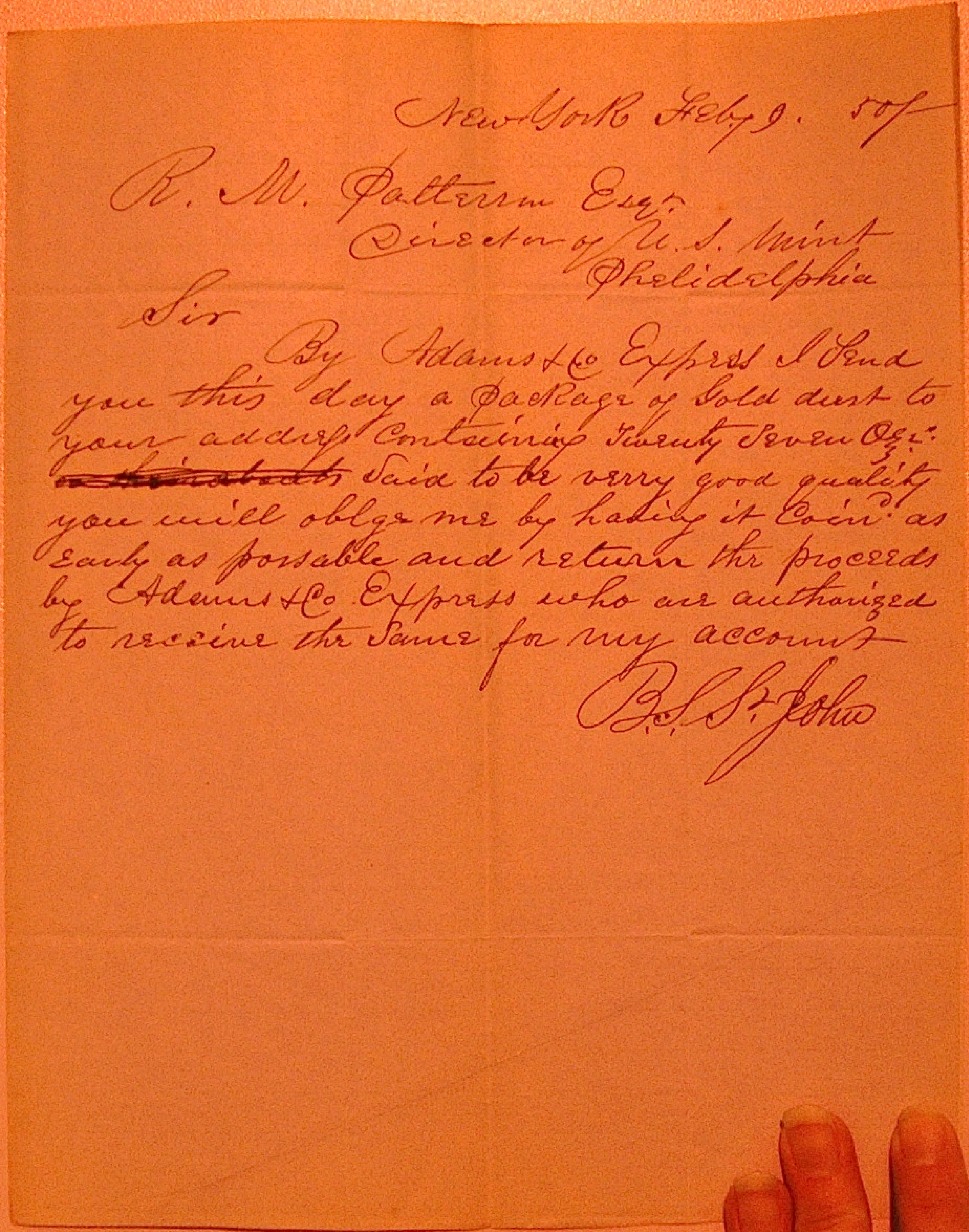
Baltimore, Feby 9 1850

Dr R M Patterson
Dir Mint Phila

Dear Sir

I send by Adams Expreſs this evening a package containing 117½ oz Gold directed to the Mint. I beg the favour of you to send me a Mint Certf for the proceeds as early as convenient.

Yours Respy
R Mickle Cas
pr W L Snow



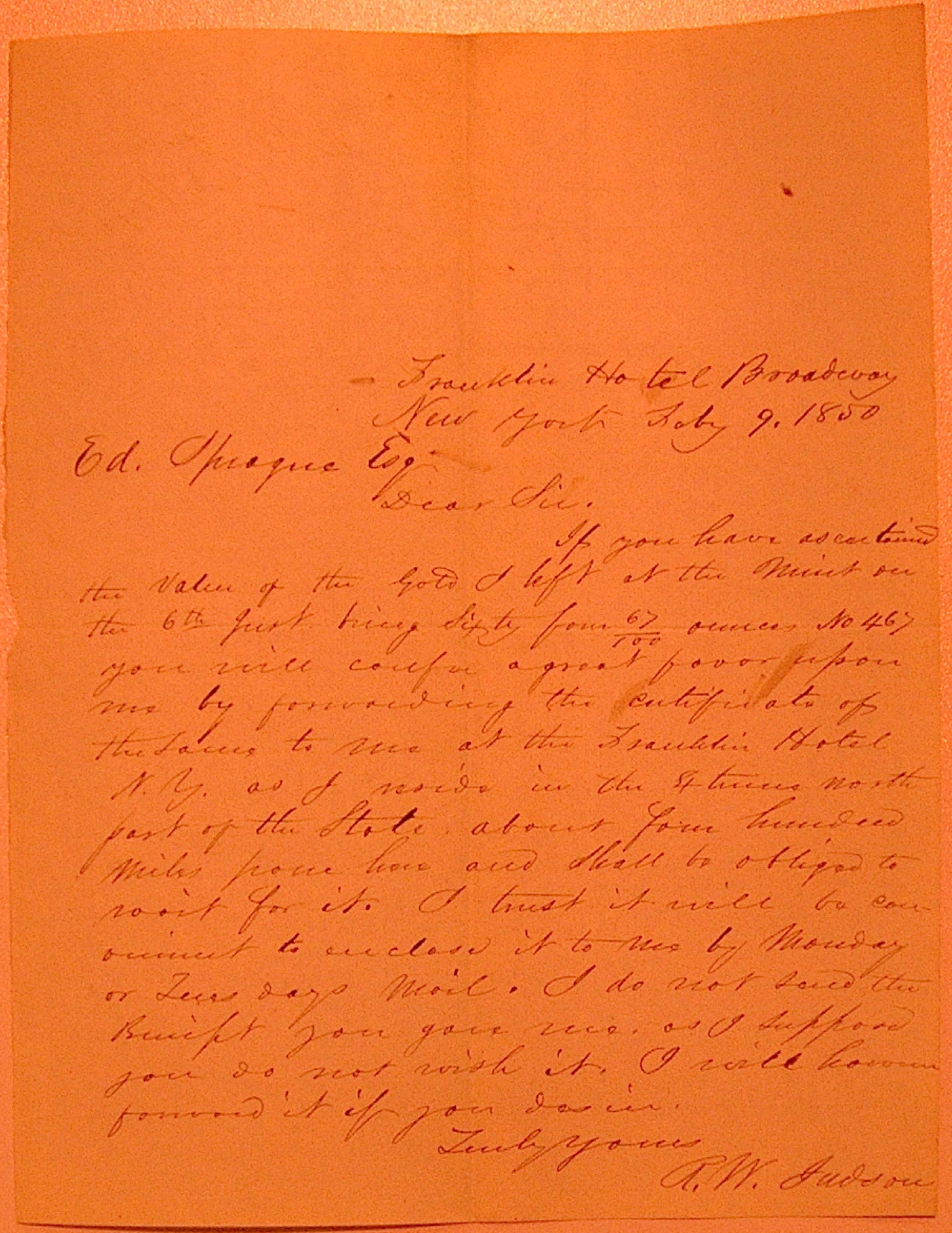
New York Feby 9. 50/

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

By Adams & Co Express I Send you this day a Package of Gold dust to your address Containing Twenty Seven Ozs [illegible] Said to be verry good quality you will oblge me by having it Coind as Early as possable and return the proceeds by Adams & Co. Express who are authorized to receive the Same for my account

B. S. St John



Franklin Hotel Broadway
New York Feby 9. 1850

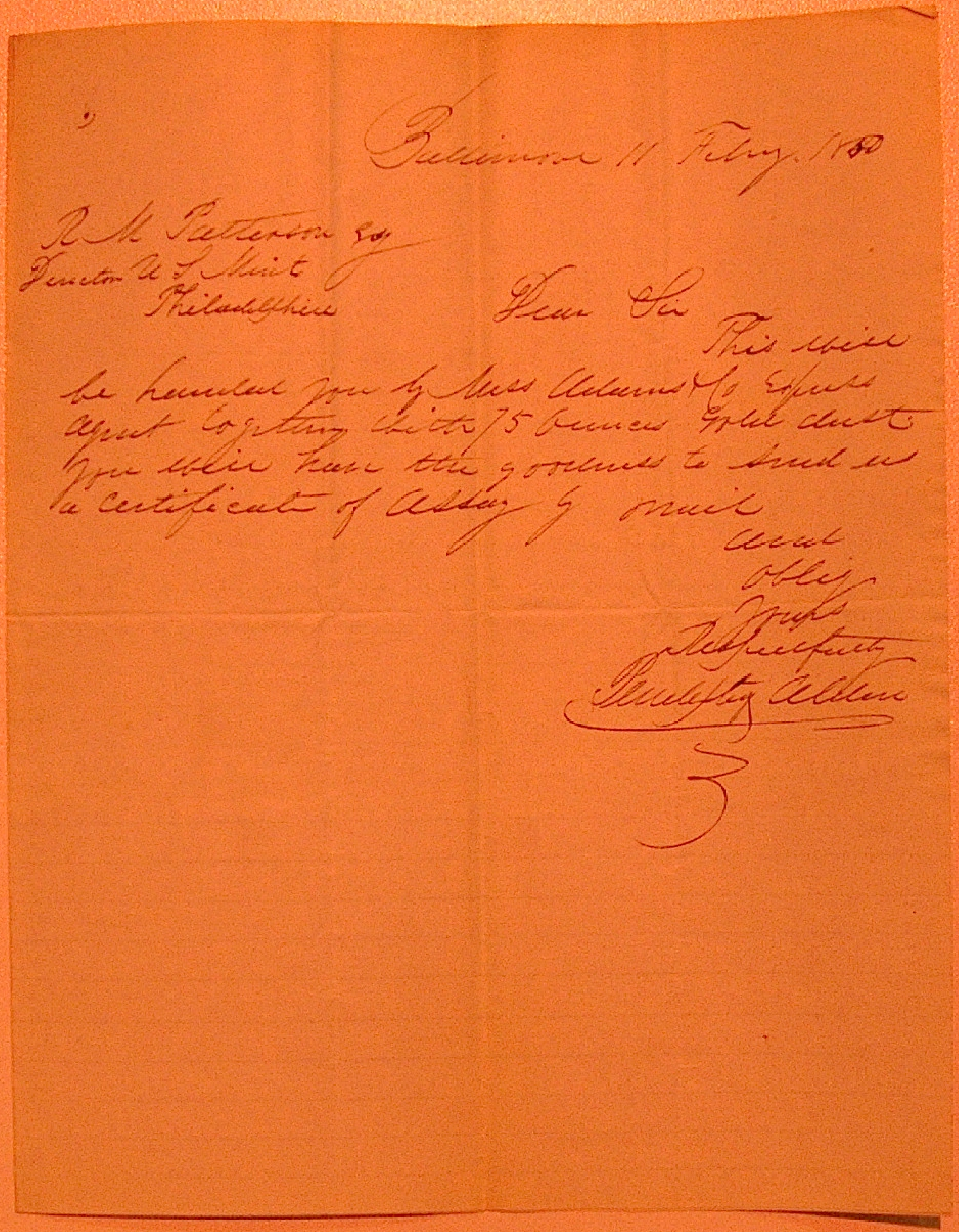
Ed. Sprague Esqr

Dear Sir.

If you have ascertained the Value of the Gold I left at the Mint on the 6th inst. being sixty four $\frac{67}{100}$ ounces No 467 you will confer a great favor upon me by forwarding the certificate of the same to me at the Franklin Hotel N.Y. as I reside in the extreme north part of the State. about four hundred Miles from here and shall be obliged to wait for it. I trust it will be convenient to enclose it to me by Monday or Tuesdays Mail. I do not send the Receipt you gave me. as I suppose you do not wish it. I will however forward it if you desire.

Truly yours

R.W. Judson



Baltimore 11 Feby. 1850

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

This will be handed you by Mess Adams & Co Express Agent together with 75 ounces Gold dust. You will have the goodness to send us a certificate of Assay by mail

Your
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Servts
Respectfully
[illegible] Allen

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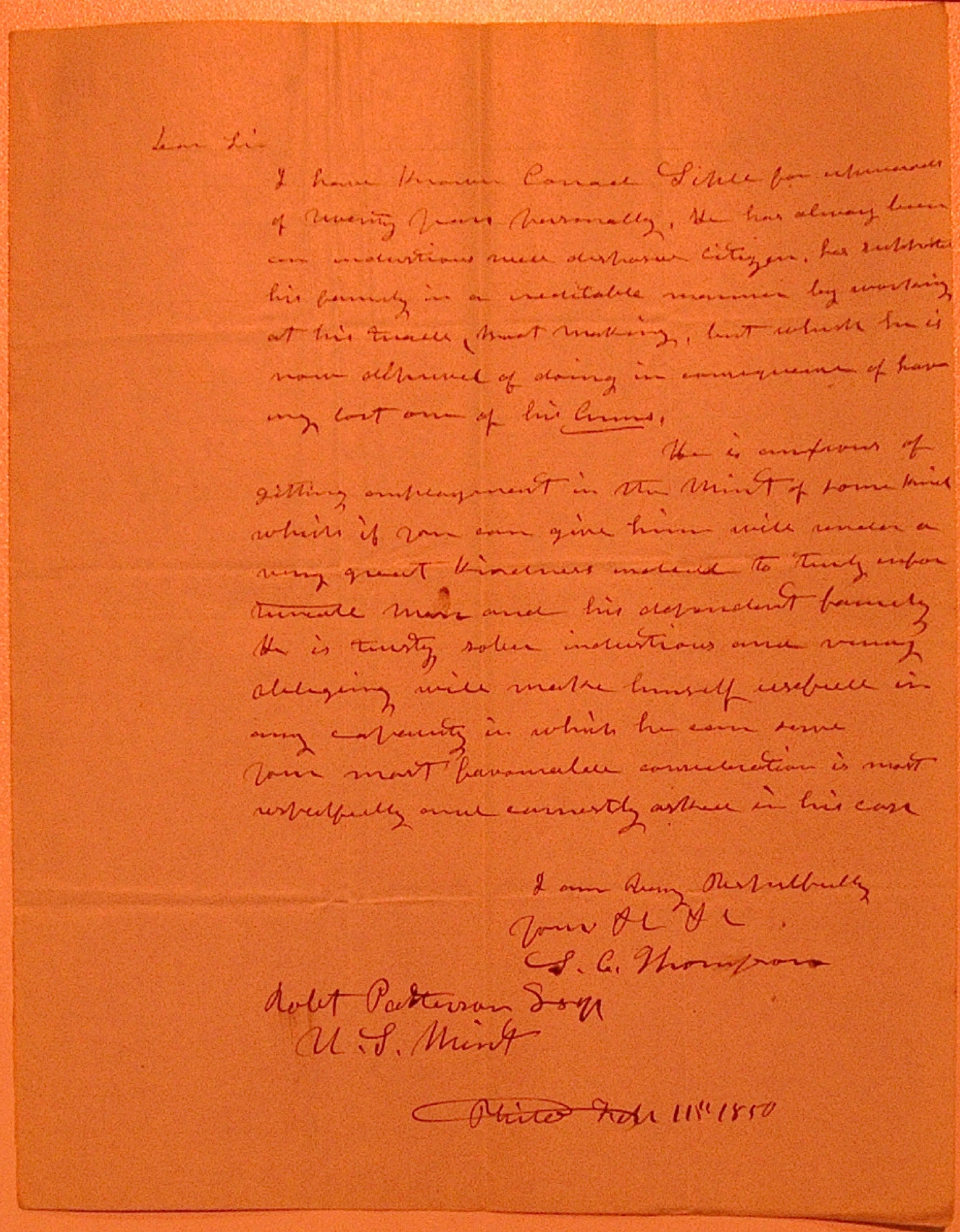


Dear Sir

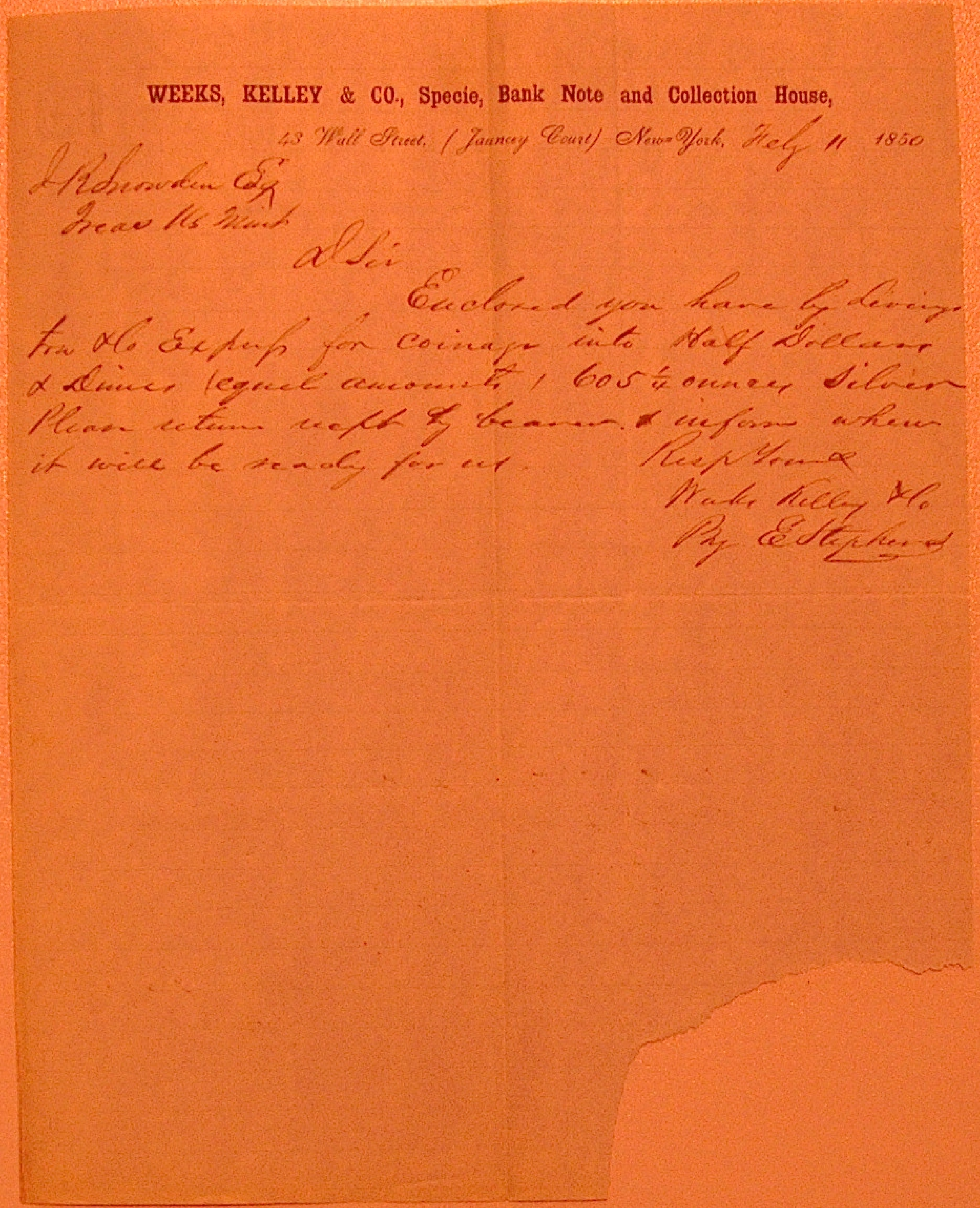
I have known Conrad Sible for upwards of twenty years personally. He has always been an industrious and deserving citizen. he subsisted his family in a creditable manner by working at his trade (boot making), but which he is now debarred of doing in consequence of having lost one of his arms.

He is anxious of getting employment in the Mint of some kind which if you can give him will render a very great kindness indeed to truly unfortunate man and his dependent family. He is truly sober industrious and very obliging will make himself useful in any capacity in which he can serve. Your most favourable consideration is most respectfully and earnestly asked in his case

I am Very Respectfully
Your Ob St.
S. C. Thompson

Robt Patterson Esqr
U. S. Mint

Phila Feby 11th 1850



WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

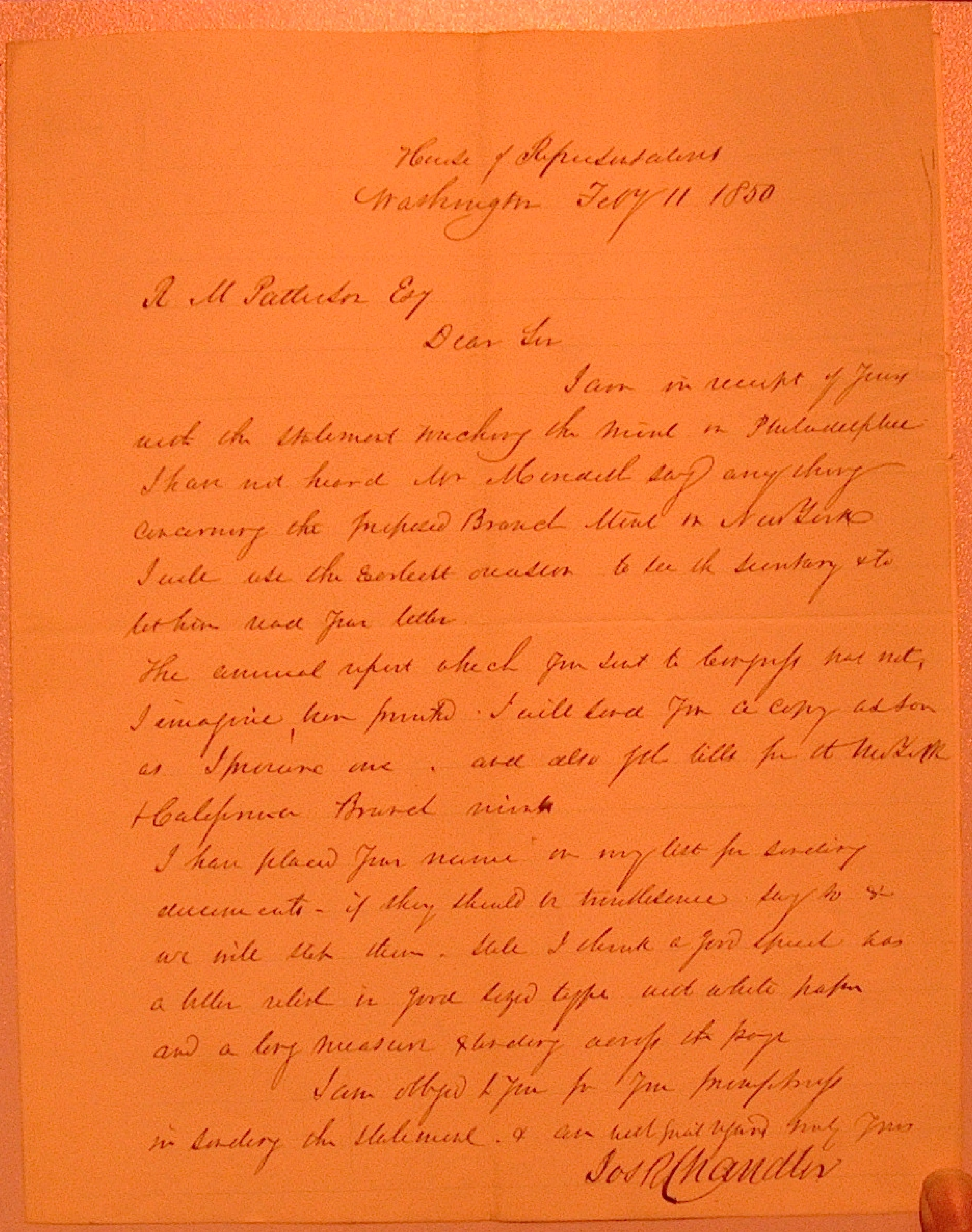
43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Feby 11 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Treas US Mint

D Sir

Enclosed you have by Livingston & Co Express for coinage into Half Dollars & Dimes (equal amounts) 605¼ ounces Silver. Please return recpt by bearer & inform when it will be ready for us.

Resp Yours
Weeks Kelley & Co
Pr E Stephens



House of Representatives
Washington Feby 11 1850

R M Patterson Esq

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours with the statement touching the Mint in Philadelphia. I have not heard Mr Meredith say anything concerning the proposed Branch Mint in New York. I will use the earliest occasion to see the Secretary & to let him read your letter.

The annual report which you sent to Congress has not, I imagine, been printed. I will send you a copy as soon as I procure one. and also the bills for the New York & California Branch mints.

I have placed your name on my list for sending documents - if they should be troublesome say so & we will stop them. Still I think a good speech has a better relish in good sized type with white paper and a long measure & leading across the page.

I am obliged to you for your promptness in sending the statement. & am with great regard truly yours

Jos R Chandler

Mr Conrad Siples the beaver, has worked for us some Ten or Eleven years, he is an industrious man. we believe him to be strictly honest, and think he will give entire satisfaction in any bussiness in which he may be employed which he is capable of performing with one arm. we should feel no hesitancy in employing him ourselves, if we had anything he could do.

Phila Feby 11th 1850 Huff & Husted

Merchants Bank
New Bedford Feby 11. 1850

My dear Sir

I sent to you last week through Adams & Co of New York three packages of gold bullion to be coined for my account. Viz.

Feby 9 for C R Tucker — One package said to contain $979.79/100
" for E L Baker — One package said to contain $1465.50/100
Feby 12 — One package said to contain two hundred ounces.

The first two named were packages brot. by Adams & Co express from San Francisco, and the last named I sent to them to be forwarded to the mint, directed to you.

I this day forward to Mess Adams & Co 7 packages more to be taken to the mint by them to be coined for my account.

These packages are all directed as follows.

"Dect. R.M. Patterson, Director U.S. Mint, Pha. to be coined for acct. of Merchants Bank New Bedford Mass."

12 Adams & Co for Merchts Bk N B
7 numbers
Adams & Co Express

and the weight of each and the number is as follows,

#1. 11 1/10 ounces — #2. 6 3/10 ounces — #3. 31 1/10 ounces —
#4. 32 9/20 ounces — #5. 31 2/20 ounces — #6. 18 ounces
#7. 7 13/20 ounces. all right

I have also forwarded to Messrs Adams & Co. an order to receive for my account another package now in New York, the weight of which is 125 ounces, which is also to be received taken to the mint for coinage for my account.

Should all the above described packages be received by you, I shall have eleven packages for which I am to receive receipts and certificates of assay as usual.

The only agency of Messrs Adams & Co is to place the packages at the mint.

I have now directed the packages (those now sent) to Dr. R. M. Patterson, Director of the Mint, because I have been advised that such is the proper course. Is this correct? I continue my correspondence with you, because I have supposed from your prompt and gentlemanly replies to my letters that I had opened it with the proper person.

With much Respect
J. B. Congdon
Cash.

I see the receipts, (some of them at least) are in the name of James B. Congdon. He has no deposit with you. They should all be in the name of J. B. Congdon Cash. Merchants Bank. All the drafts on you will be thus drawn. What is the state of the coinage for the month of Jan'y.

18. one package — oz 31.21
19 " do 12.50

Treasury Department
11 February 1851

Sir

The department has decided to authorise the sub treasury at New York to redeem outstanding mint certificates to the extent of two millions of dollars with a view of relieving the community from the present inconvenience arising from the large amount of such certificates now existing.

The Department wishes to have a report from you on the most advisable mode of carrying this into effect whether the said certificates should be first surrendered to the Mint or whether if they are to be presented at New York any additional precaution will be necessary to guard against fraud from forgery or otherwise in the certificates. Those redeemed should be those of the earliest outstanding issues in numerical order & if to be presented at New York a list with full details

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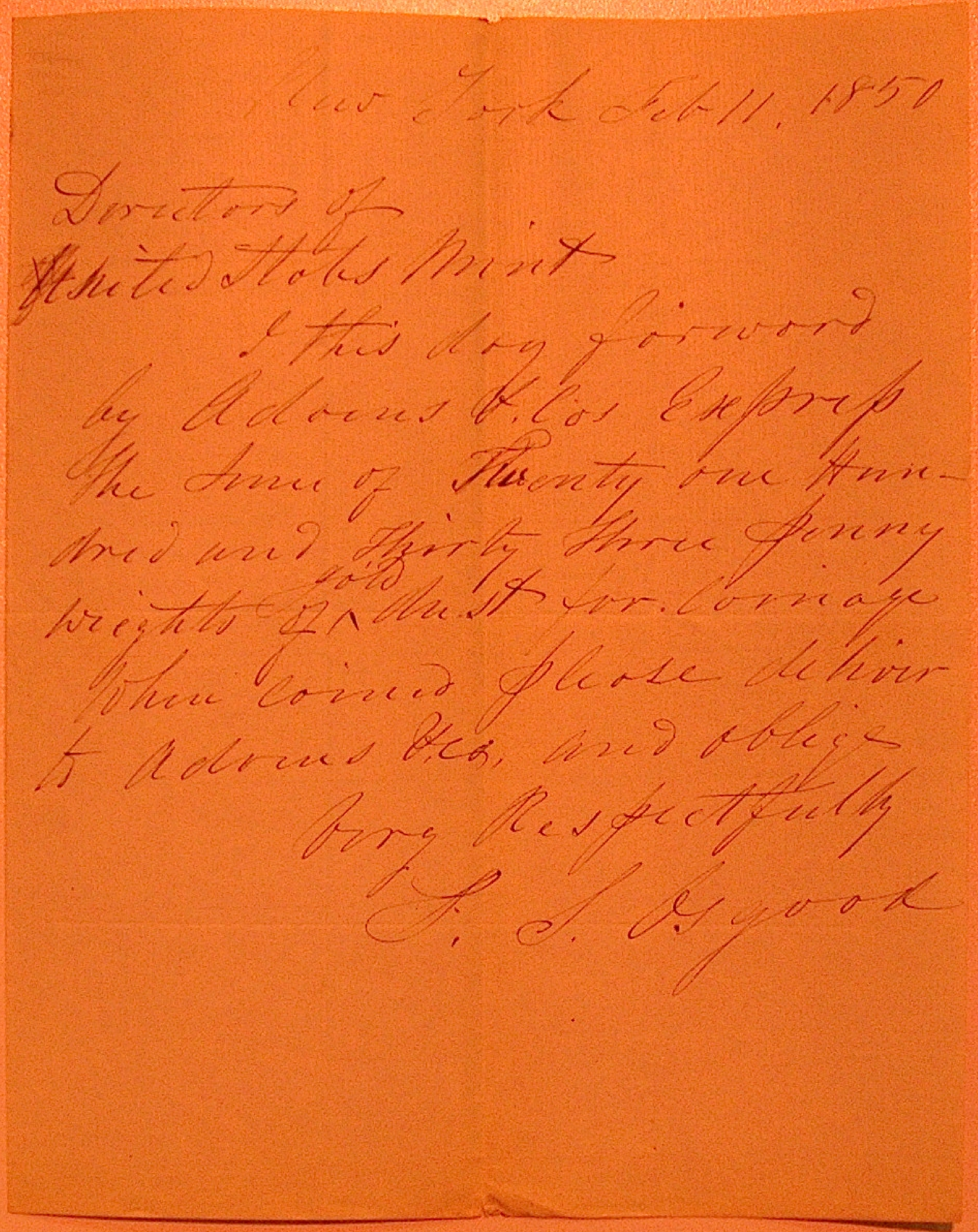
in to date, number, name & amount should be prepared by you & forwarded to the assistant treasurer at that place.

Very respectfully,
Yr obed Servt
Wm L. Hodge
Act. Secretary

R M Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

In replying to official letters from me always please direct your letters to the chief of the department.

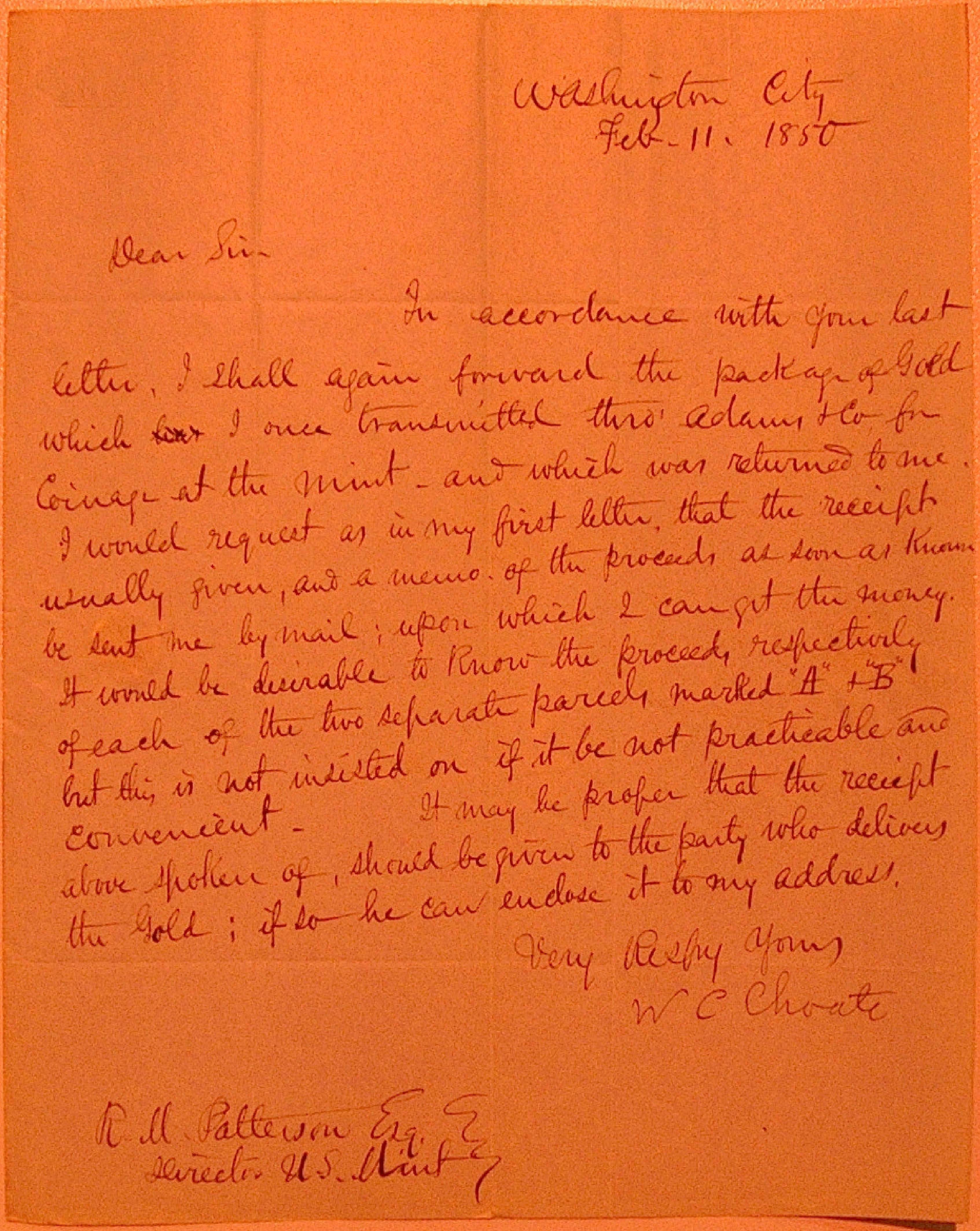


New York Feb 11, 1850

Directors of
United States Mint

I this day forward by Adams & Cos Express the Sum of Twenty one Hundred and Thirty three Penny weights of gold dust for Coinage when coined please deliver to Adams & Co. and oblige

Very Respectfully
S. S. Osgood



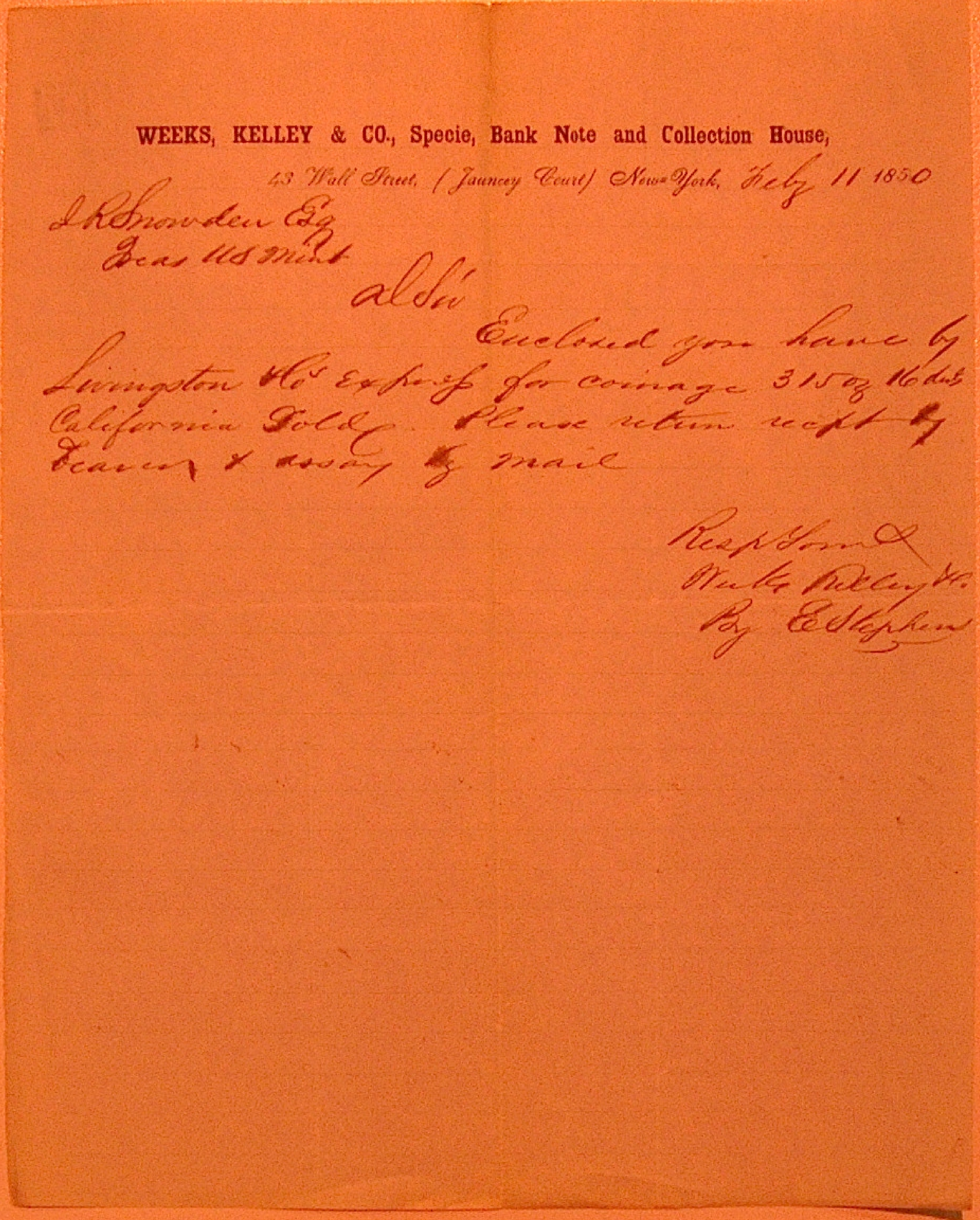
Washington City
Feb. 11. 1850

Dear Sir

In accordance with your last letter, I shall again forward the package of Gold which ~~[illegible]~~ I once transmitted thro' Adams & Co for Coinage at the Mint - and which was returned to me. I would request as in my first letter, that the receipt usually given, and a memo. of the proceeds as soon as known be sent me by mail; upon which I can get the money. It would be desirable to know the proceeds respectively of each of the two separate parcels marked "A" & "B" but this is not insisted on if it be not practicable and convenient - It may be proper that the receipt above spoken of, should be given to the party who delivers the Gold; if so he can enclose it to my address.

Very Respy Yours
W C Choate

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director U.S. Mint



WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

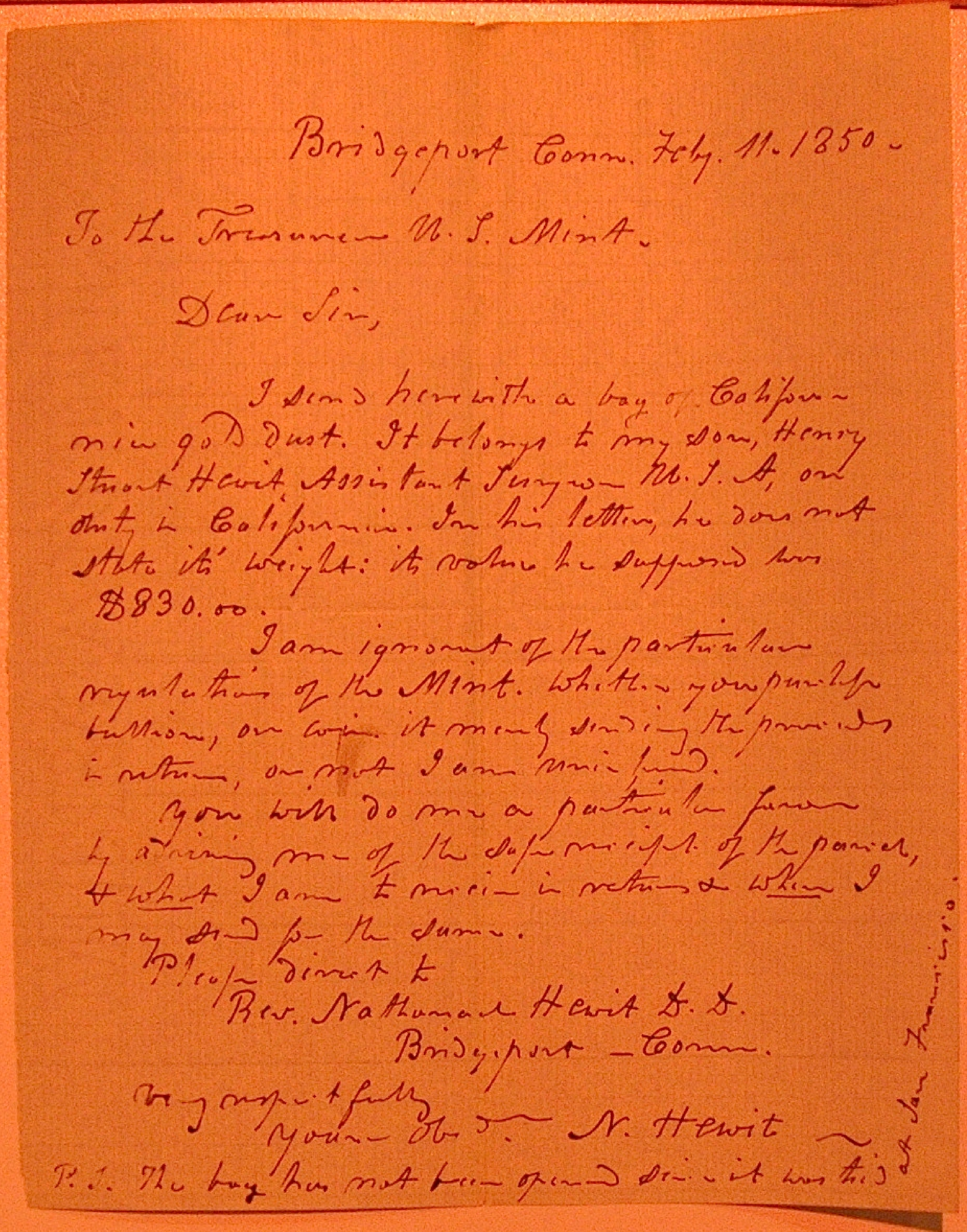
43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Feby 11 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Treas US Mint

Dr Sir

Enclosed you have by Livingston & Co Express for coinage 315 oz 16 dwts California Gold. Please return recpt by bearer & assay by mail

Resp Yours
Weeks Kelley & Co
By E Stephens



Bridgeport Conn. Feby. 11. 1850.

To the Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

I send herewith a bag of California gold dust. It belongs to my son, Henry Stuart Hewit Assistant Surgeon U. S. A, on duty in California. In his letter, he does not state its' weight: its value he supposed was $830.00.

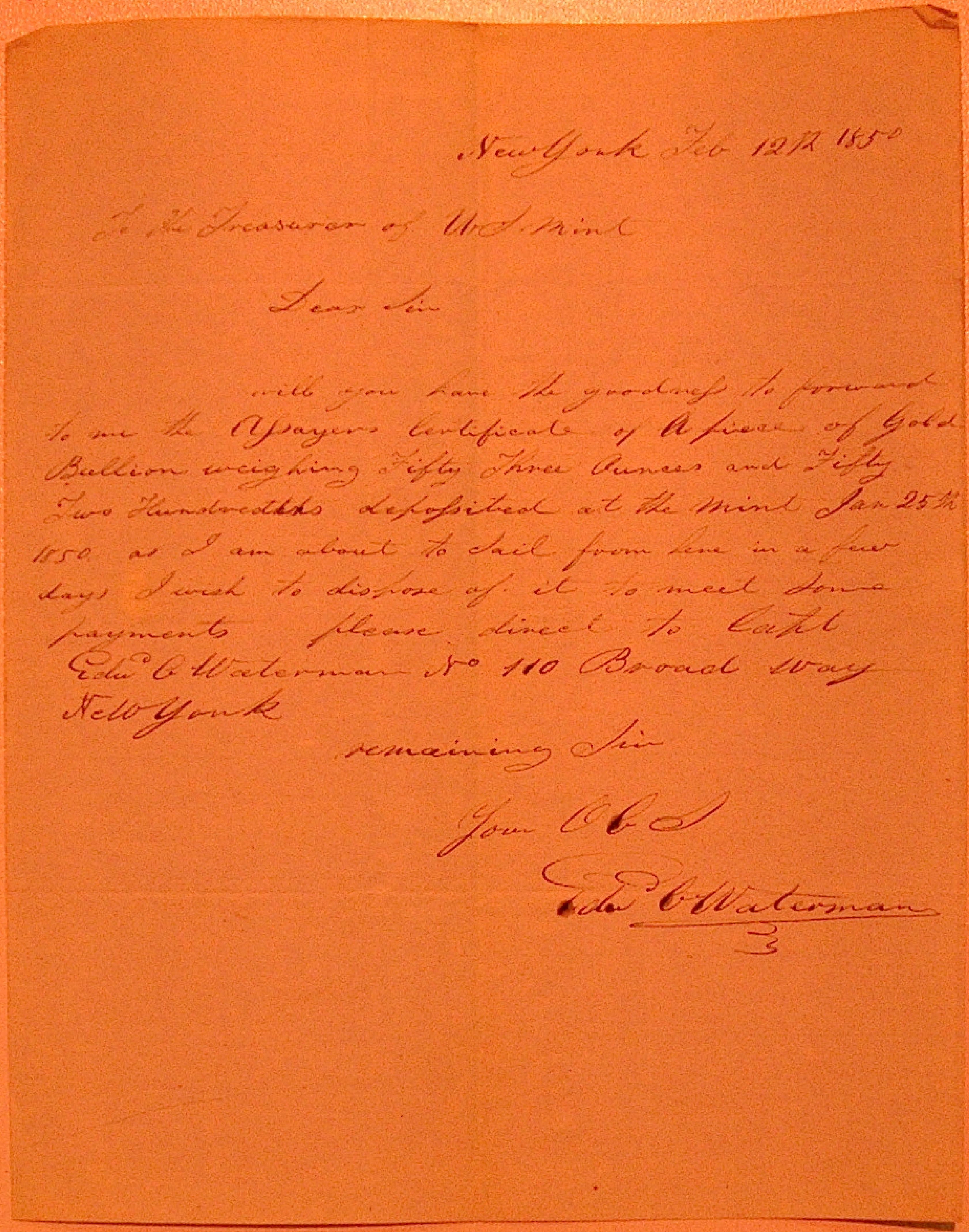
I am ignorant of the particular regulations of the Mint. Whether you purchase bullion, or coin it merely sending the proceeds in return, or not I am uninformed.

You will do me a particular favor by advising me of the safe receipt of the parcel, & what I am to receive in return & when I may send for the same.

Please direct to
Rev. Nathaniel Hewit D. D.
Bridgeport – Conn.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. N. Hewit

P. S. The bag has not been opened since it was tied at San Francisco.



New York Feb 12th 1850

To the Treasurer of U.S. Mint

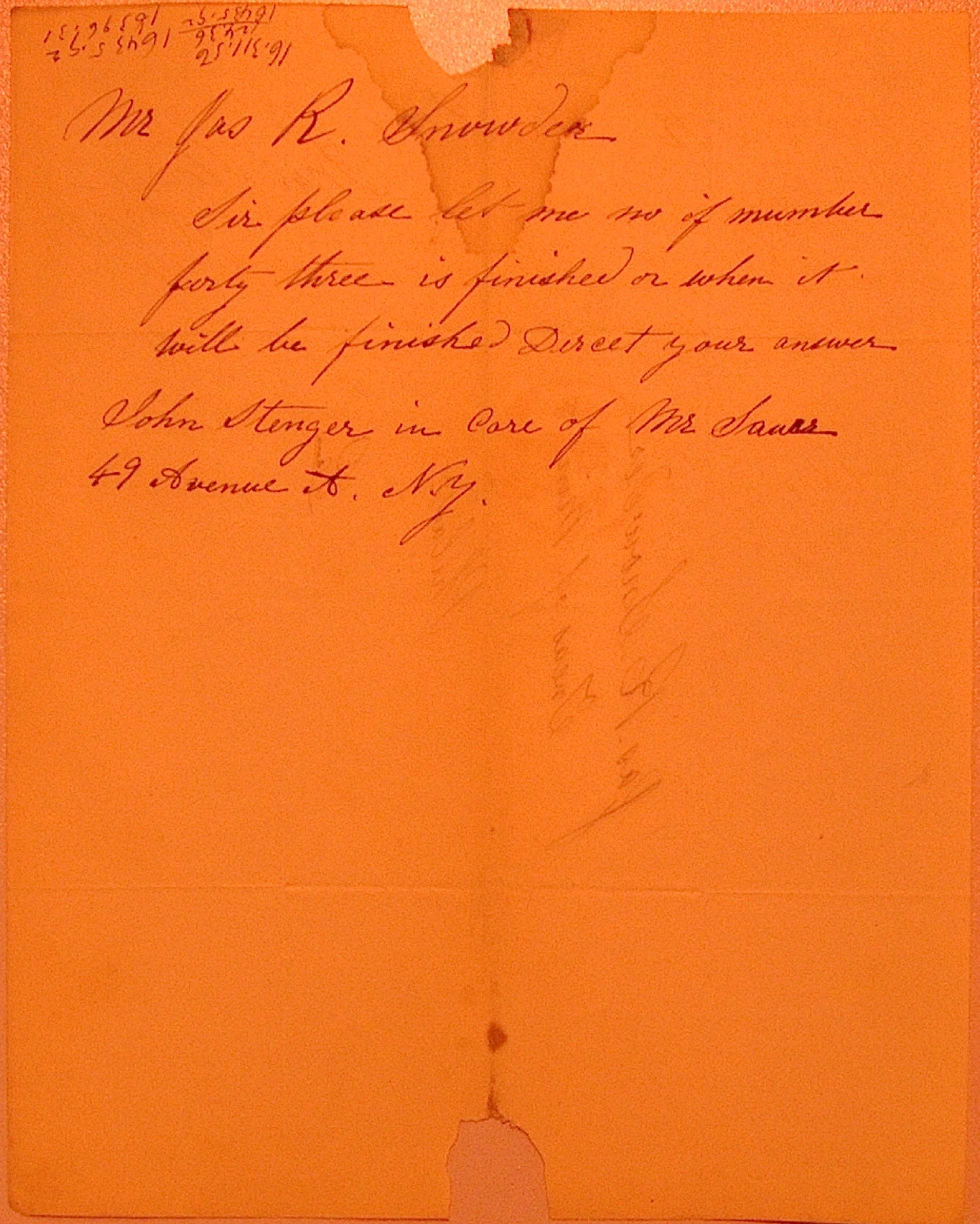
Dear Sir

will you have the goodneſs to forward to me the Aſsayers Certificate of A piece of Gold Bullion weighing Fifty Three Ounces and Fifty Two Hundredths Deposited at the Mint Jan 25th 1850 as I am about to sail from here in a few days I wish to dispose of it to meet some payments please direct to Capt Edwd C Waterman No 110 Broad way New York

remaining Sir

Your Ob S

Edwd C Waterman



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16435.52
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Mr Jas R. Snowden

Sir please let me no if number forty three is finished or when it will be finished Direct your answer

John Stenger in Care of Mr Sauer
49 Avenue A. N.Y.

Private

New York Feby 12th 1850

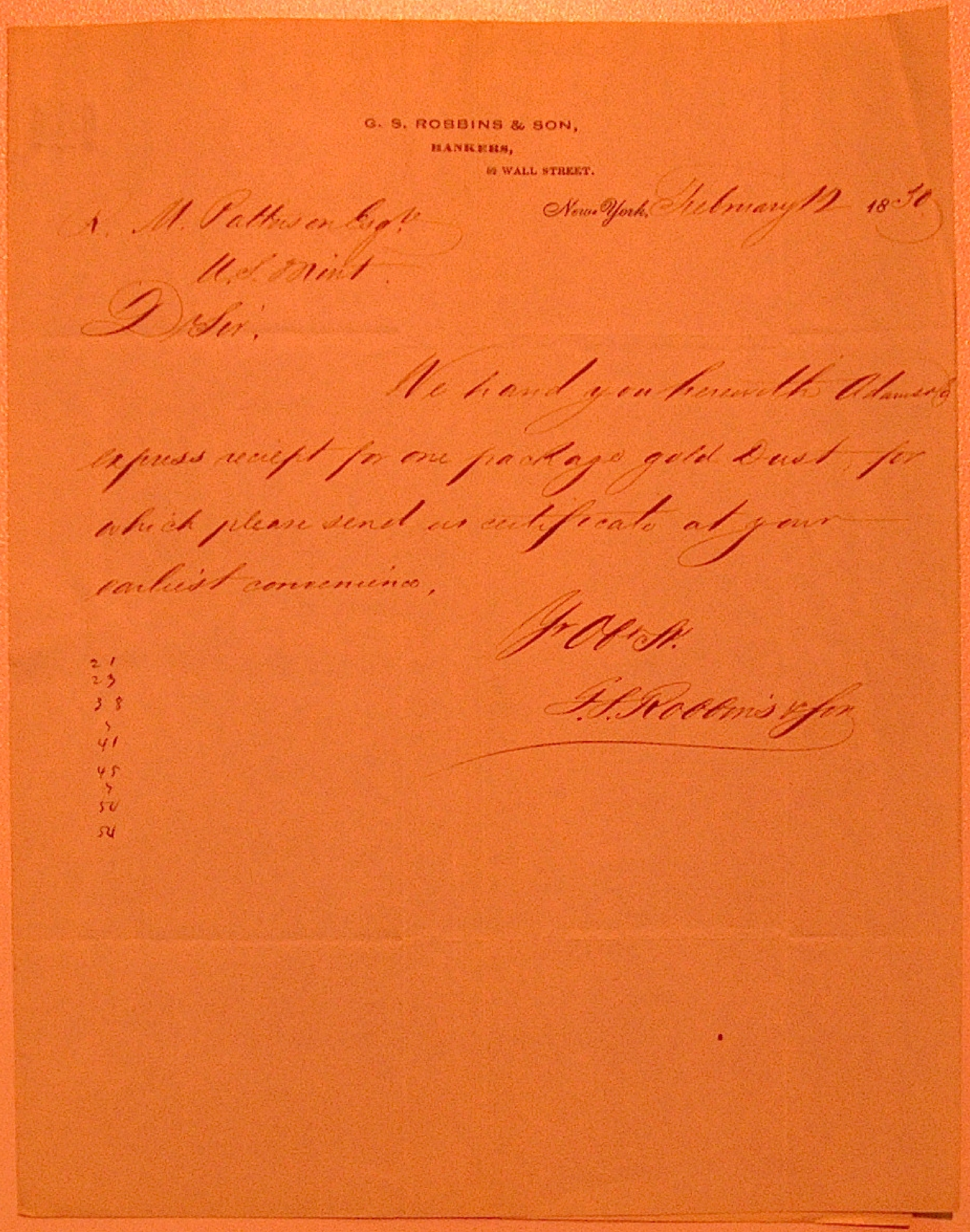
Dear Sir

My object in writing is not to importune you, but to know if it will be necessary for me to make any change in my business here in anticipation of any other contingency, our Custom with Landlords is to make all agreements for the ensuing year on the 1st of Feby. I have put mine off untill the 20th, thinking I might hear from you, should circumstances require a change it would take me some little time to make all of my arrangements here, — under those circumstances you will confer a favor on me by that advice your position enables you to give,

I have progressed with the Model slowly for the last three weeks, being quite engaged in finishing orders that were behind time,

Very Respectfully
Your Sincere friend
&c &c,
C. C. Wright
52 John Street

Doct. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia



G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
60 WALL STREET.

New York, February 12 1851

R. M. Patterson Esqr
U. S. Mint

Dr Sir,

We hand you herewith Adams & Co express receipt for one package gold Dust for which please send us certificate at your earliest convenience,

Yr Obt St.

G. S. Robbins & Son

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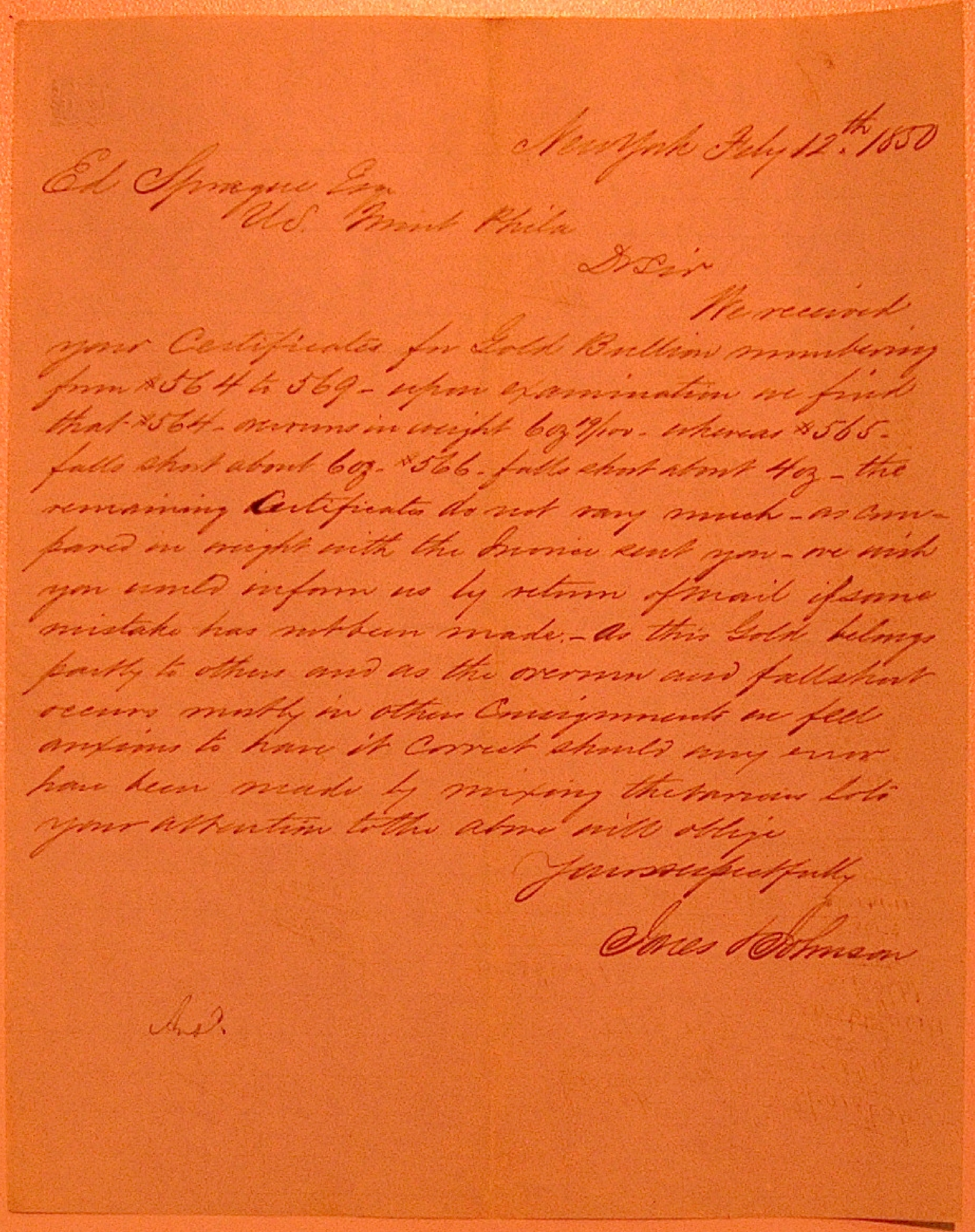

New York Feby 12th 1850

Ed Sprague Esq
U.S. Mint Phila

Dr Sir

We received your Certificates for Gold Bullion numbering from #564 to 569 - upon examination we find that #564 - overruns in weight 6oz 4/10 - whereas #565 - falls short about 6oz - #566 - falls short about 4oz - the remaining Certificates do not vary much - as compared in weight with the Bars sent you - we wish you would inform us by return of mail if some mistake has not been made. - As this Gold belongs partly to others and as the overrun and fall short occurs mostly in other Consignments we feel anxious to have it correct should any error have been made by mixing the various lots your attention to the above will oblige

Yours respectfully

Jones & Johnson

Ans'd.

86
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74
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Silver

F.B.
199.07
203.94
384.42
198.73
173.07
90.01
146.85
1396.11
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U.S.B.
613.77

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Gold Parted
N.C. — 459.82
For. 28.75
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WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street. (Jauncey Court) New-York, Feby 12 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Treas US Mint

D Sir

Enclosed you have by Livingston & Co Express for coinage 116 oz 1½ dwts California Gold
Please return receipt by bearer & assay by mail

Resp Yours
Weeks Kelley & Co
By E Stephens

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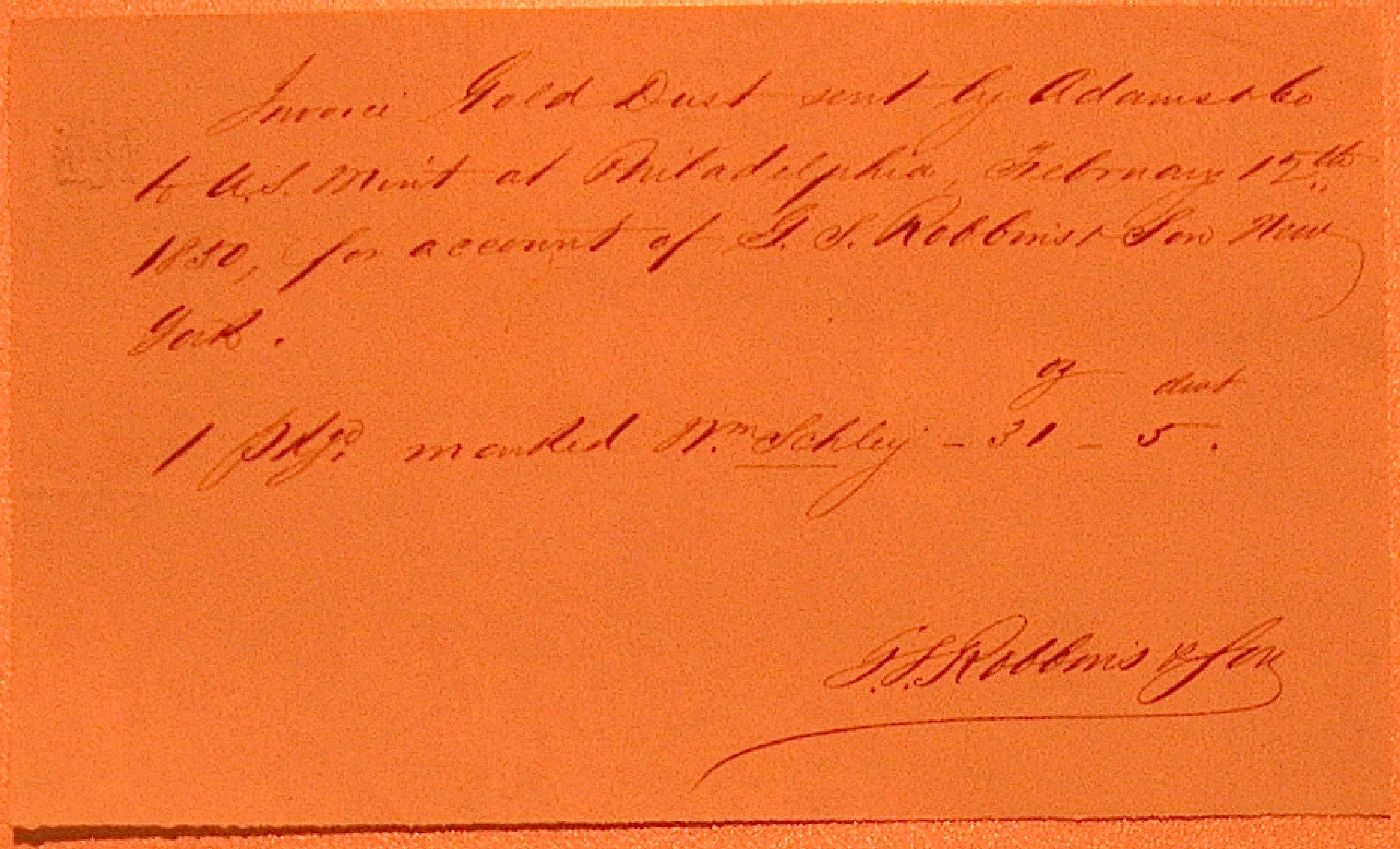

Invoice Gold Dust sent by Adams & Co to U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, February 15th 1850, for account of G. S. Robbins & Son New York.

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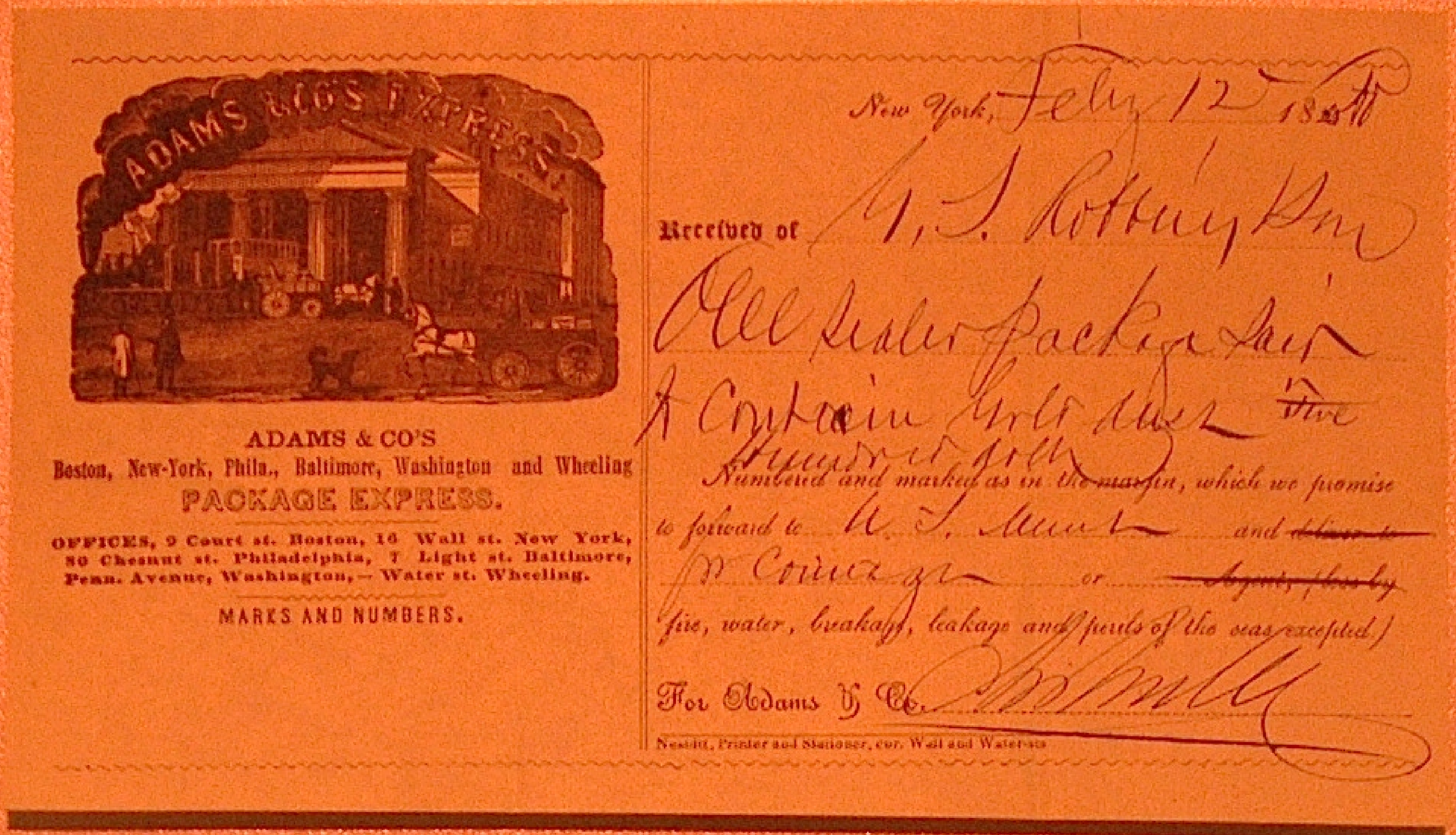
1 Pkg. marked Wm Schley	-	31	- 5.

G. S. Robbins & Son


ADAMS & CO'S EXPRESS

ADAMS & CO'S
Boston, New-York, Phila., Baltimore, Washington and Wheeling
PACKAGE EXPRESS.

OFFICES, 9 Court st. Boston, 16 Wall st. New York, 80 Chesnut st. Philadelphia, 7 Light st. Baltimore, Penn. Avenue, Washington,—Water st. Wheeling.

MARKS AND NUMBERS.

New York, Feby 12 18[illegible]

Received of W. S. Rottington

One sealed package said to contain Gold dust five hundred dolls

Numbered and marked as in the margin, which we promise to forward to U. S. Mint and ~~deliver to~~ Mr Cornez gr or ~~Agents, (the dangers by~~ fire, water, breakage, leakage and perils of the seas excepted.)

For Adams & Co.

Nesbitt, Printer and Stationer, cor. Wall and Water sts

Mr. Patterson
President of Mint
Dear Sir

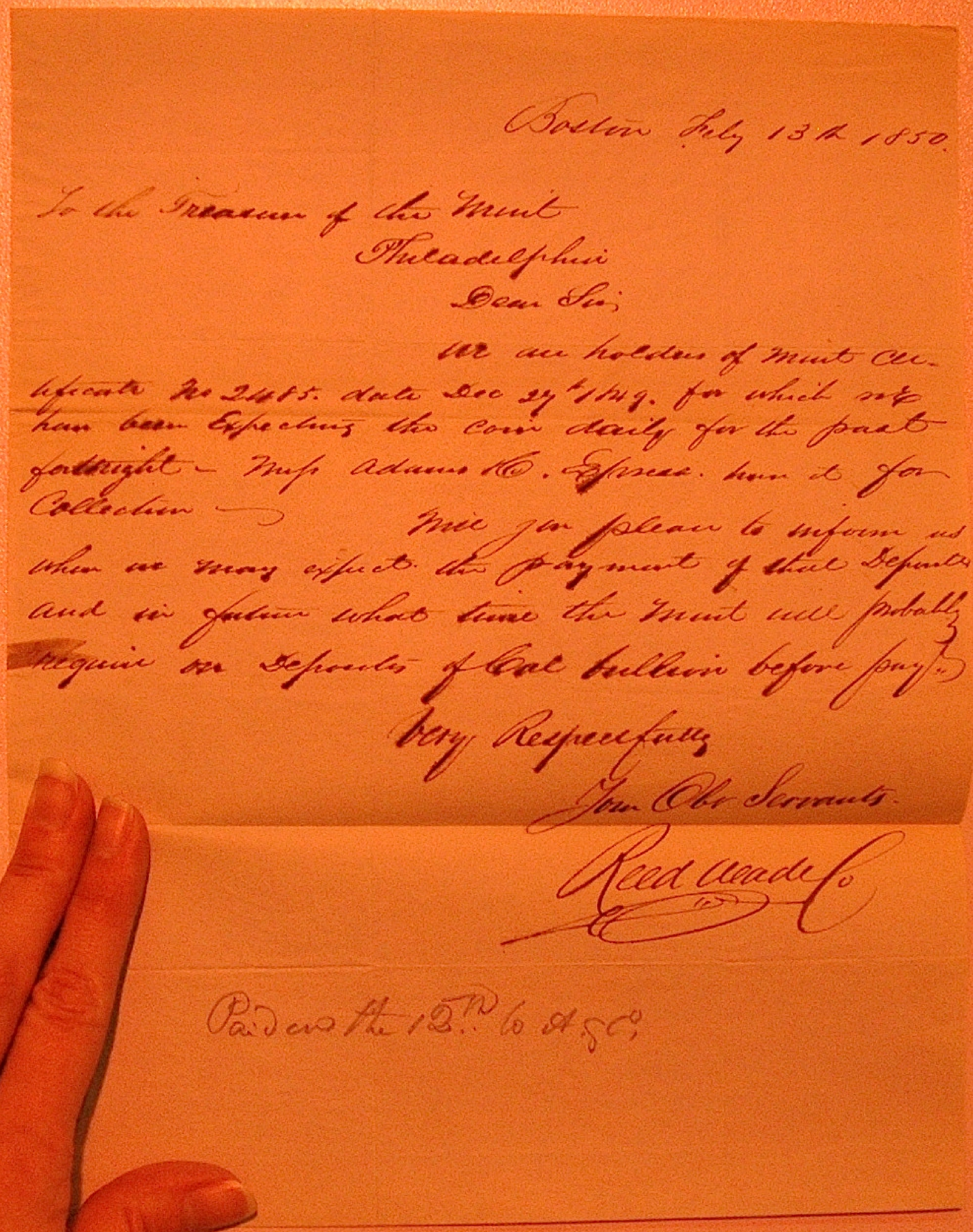
Phila Feby 12th 1850

I take great pleasure in recommending to your favorable consideration Conrad Siples an Honest Industrious and worthy citizen who has lost one arm and has a large family depending upon him for support he solicits the appointment of Fireman or Messenger which post he can fulfil

I have had him employed previous to losing his arm for Six years and always found him worthy and industrious you would confer a great favour to him and family if you could give him employment

Yours Truly

Jno K McCurdy



Boston July 13th 1850.

To the Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir

We are holders of Mint Certificate No 2485. date Dec 27th 1849. for which we have been Expecting the coin daily for the past fortnight — Mess Adams & Co. Express. have it for Collection —

Will you please to inform us when we may expect the payment of that Deposit and in future what time the Mint will probably require on Deposits of Cal bullion before payt.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servants
Reed Wade & Co

Paid on the 12th to A. & Co.

(Private & Confidential.)

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Feb. 13, 1850.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of yesterday, and I am not able to give a conclusive answer to it. I have reason to believe that ~~that~~ Mr. Longacre has sent in his resignation, and I presume that an appointment will be made by the President without much delay. I hope that you will not enter upon any arrangements that would put it out of your power to fill the office, without any considerable delay, if you should receive the appointment.

Yours very truly,
R. M. P.

C. C. Wright, Esq
80 Nassau St.
New York.

Boston 13 Feb. 1851.

To the Treasurer of the
Mint of the U States
Philada. Sir

I hold yr receipt, No 537, dated 9th inst. for 153 ozs Gold Dust & Bullion, deposited for Coinage by Mess. Livingston Wells & Co of New York for my account.

The Gold sent was in two packages for different accounts and for which I wish separate statements. One was Gold Dust and the other Bullion. The last package was sent in one but can be coined except a small bar enveloped & enclosed and directed (either inside or outside), which was intended for a present to a person here, and which I desire much to be sent to me if possible

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Yrs Respy

L. Stanwood

Mint of U.S.
Philad. Feb. 13, 1850.

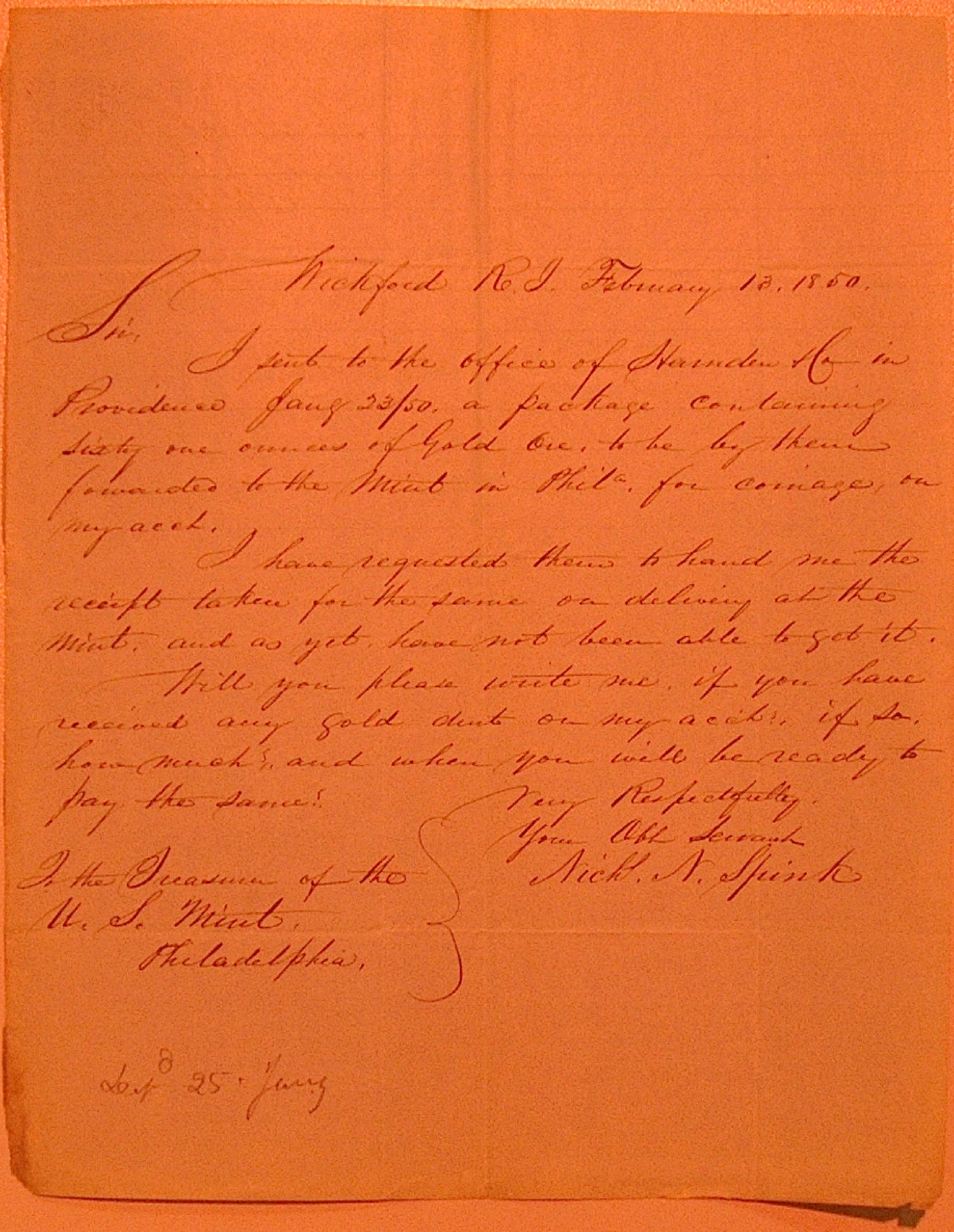
Dear Sir,

Your letter of 5th inst. is recd. It appears that the parties named in your letter, after recg. their Mint certifs. or receipts, sold them to Messrs. Ludlow Beebe & Co, brokers of this city, who are extensively engaged in Bullion transactions, and a house of the highest respectability. These certifs. properly endorsed by the parties were presented by them & the amount paid on the 8th of this month. They were paid in the morning of that day; in the afternoon I recd. a telegraphic despatch from your Nephew E. M. Bredin Esq. to which I replied the same day stating the fact that payment had been made. If your letter or the despatch had been recd. before the payment, it would have made no difference, inasmuch as the certifs. were endorsed by the parties and held by innocent purchasers for a valuable consideration.

In my letter of 25th Jany to Mr. E. M. Bredin, I gave a statement of the value of the depts. &c. If any further information would be useful in order that justice may be done in relation to the parties, I will with great cheerfulness communicate what may be deemed necessary.

With the highest respect,
I am very truly
your friend.
(signed) Jas. R. S. Treas.

Hon. Jno. Bredin
Prest. Judge 17th Jud. Dist.
of Penna. Butler



Wickford R. I. February 13. 1850.

Sir,

I sent to the office of Harnden & Co in Providence Jany 23/50. a package containing sixty one ounces of Gold Ore, to be by them forwarded to the Mint in Phila. for coinage, on my acct.

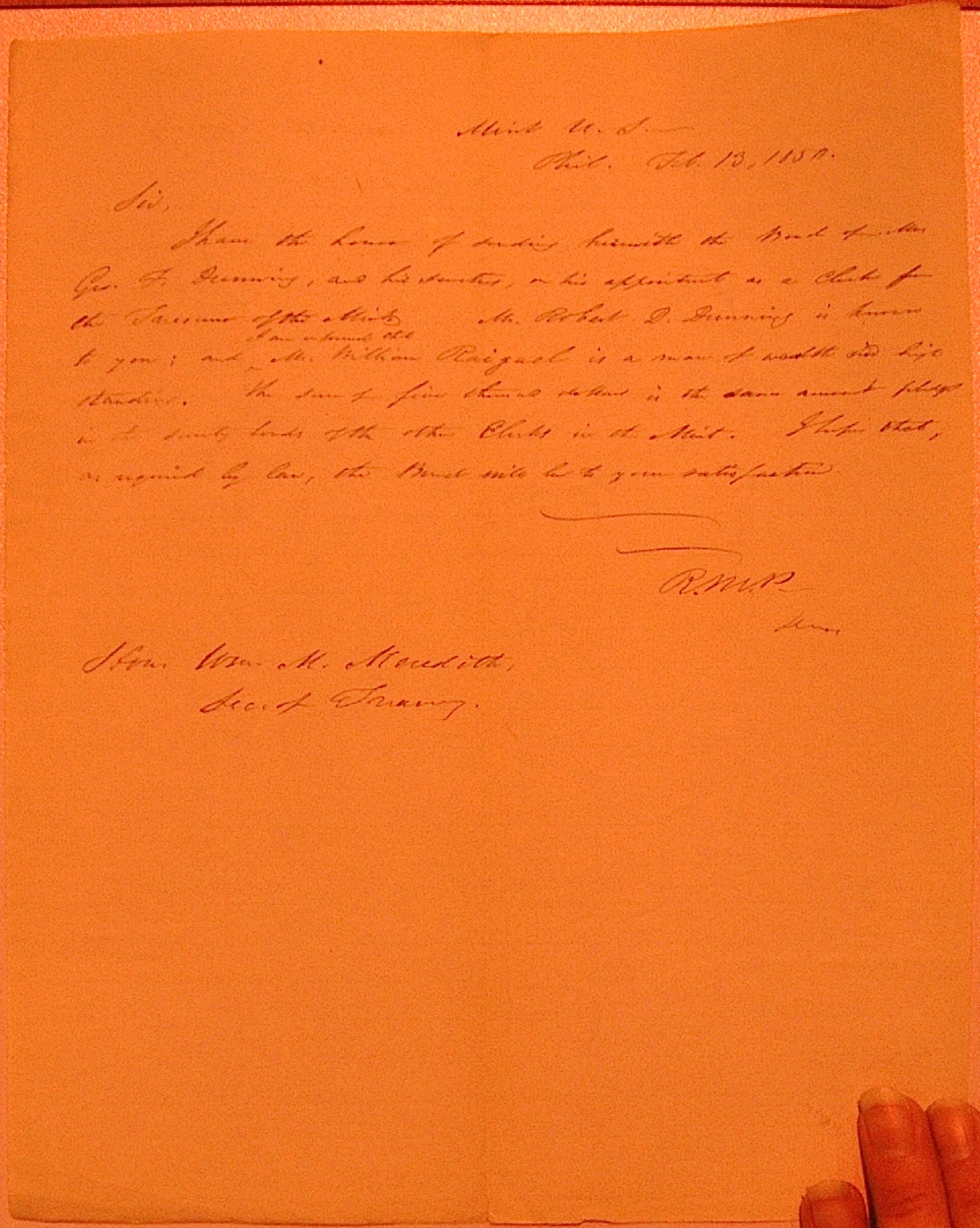
I have requested them to hand me the receipt taken for the same on delivery at the Mint, and as yet, have not been able to get it.

Will you please write me, if you have received any gold dust on my acct:, if so, how much?, and when you will be ready to pay the same?

Very Respectfully.
Your Obt Servant
Nichl. N. Spink

To the Treasurer of the
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Depd 25. Jany



Mint U. S.
Phil. Feb. 13, 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor of sending herewith the Bond of Mr Geo. F. Dunning, and his sureties, on his appointment as a Clerk for the Treasurer of the Mint. Mr. Robert D. Dunning is known to you; and, I am informed that, Mr. William Raiguel is a man of wealth and high standing. The sum of five thousand dollars is the same amount pledged in the surety bonds of the other Clerks in the Mint. I hope that, as required by law, the Bond will be to your satisfaction.

R.M.P.
Dir

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Secy. of Treasury.

Treasury Department
February 13. 1850.

Sir

Your letter of the 12th instant com:municating the result of the Aſsays by the Commiſsioners of the Gold and Silver Coins of the U States, made at the Mint on the 11th instant has been received.

By the 2d Sect. of the Act of the 28th June 1834 and the 3d Sect. of the Act of March 3. 1843 it is made the duty of this Department to cause aſsays of the Silver and Gold coins made current by said Acts to be had at the Mint of the U States at least once in every year and to make report of the result to Congreſs.

If, under the instruction of my predeceſsor, any such Aſsays have been made in the last year — I will thank you to make report thereof — If, as is apprehended, the requirements of the Acts referred to have been overlooked, it will be proper that the subject should receive your immediate attention, and that the results of any trials you may make, shall be transmitted to the Department in time to be laid before Congreſs before the adjournment of the present Seſsion.

The

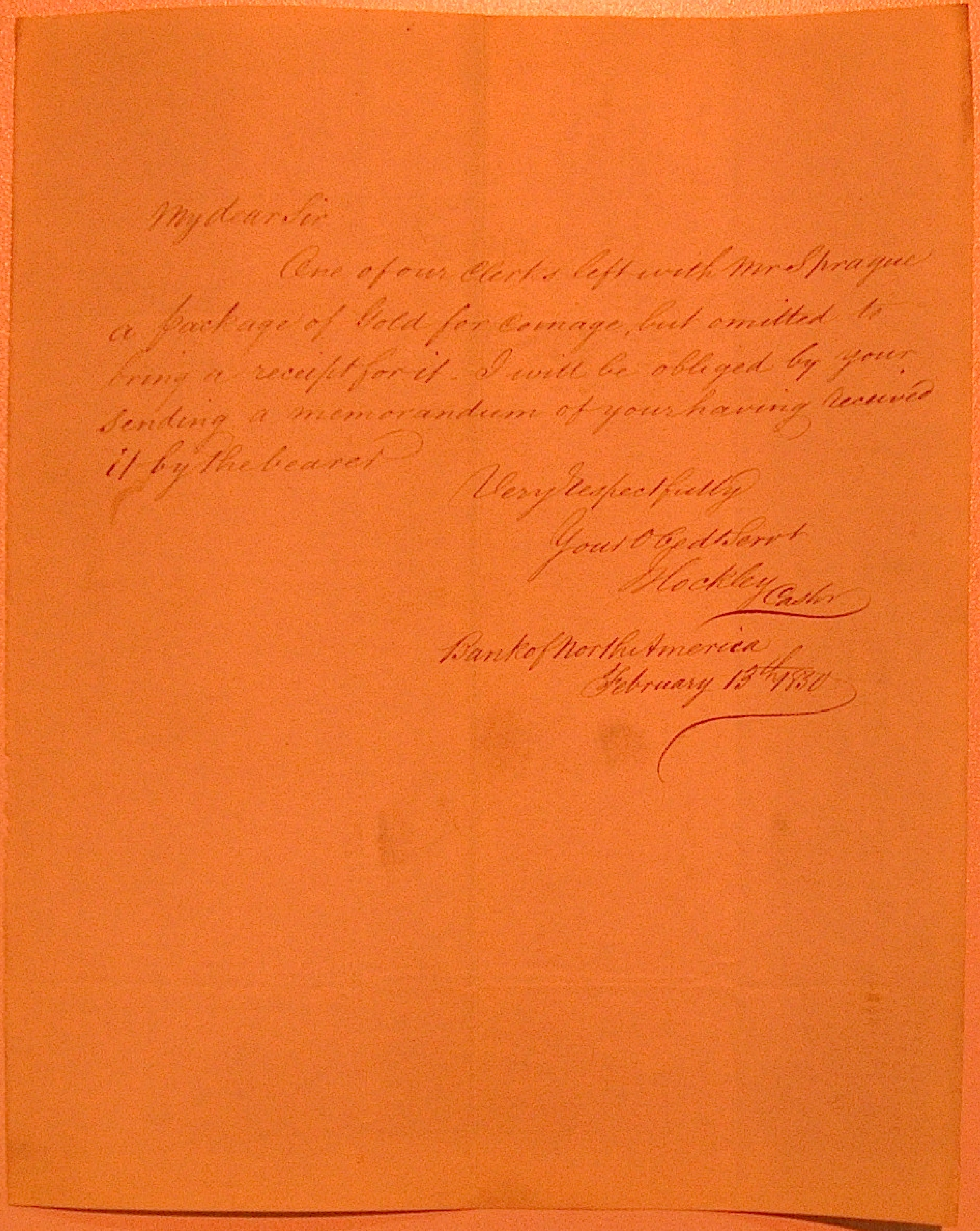
The Department will, probably, find it necessary towards the close of the present month, or early in the succeeding one, to transfer from Philadelphia to this City one or two hundred thousand dollars - And it is desired by the Treasurer of the U States that a large portion of it may be supplied in half Eagles, which could not be furnished to any considerable amount when the last transfer was made.

The Treasurer has been requested to issue a transfer in favor of the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia on the Assistant Treasurer at N. York payable in foreign gold Coins for $70.000. and it is hoped that, if half Eagles cannot be otherwise supplied the as. Treasurer may have a portion of this amount coined into half Eagles in time to meet the wants of the Treasurer here.

I am respectfully

W. M. Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad.a



My dear Sir

One of our Clerks left with Mr Sprague a package of Gold for coinage, but omitted to bring a receipt for it. I will be obliged by your sending a memorandum of your having received it by the bearer

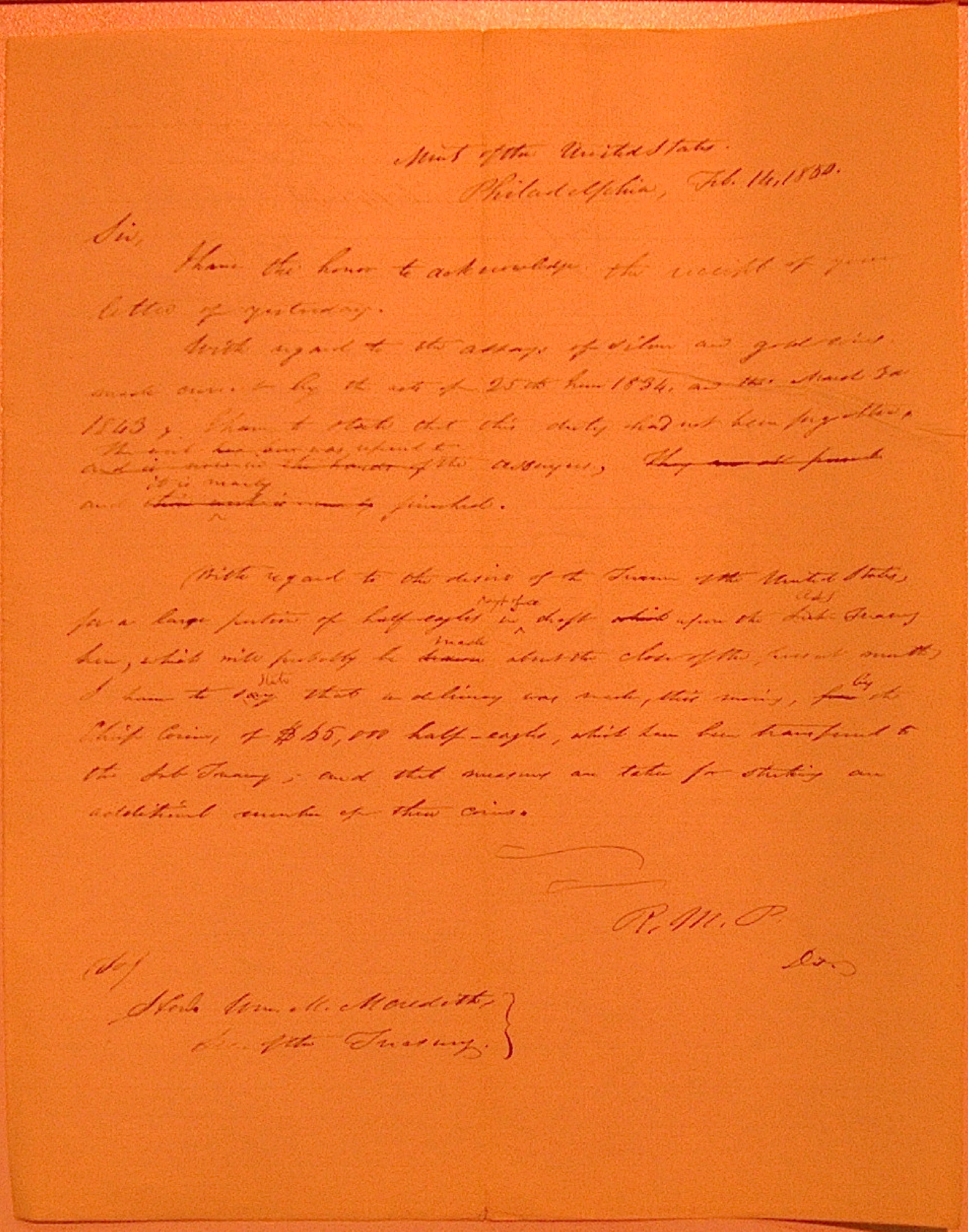
Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Hockley Cashr

Bank of North America

February 13th 1830



Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Feb. 14, 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday.

With regard to the assays of silver and gold coins made every year by the act of 25th June 1834, and the 3d March 1843, I have to state that this duty had not been forgotten, the work was referred to ~~and is now in the hands~~ of the assayers, ~~they are not yet~~ and ~~this work is nearly~~ it is nearly finished.

With regard to the desire of the Treasurer of the United States, for a large portion of half-eagles in payment of a draft ~~which~~ upon the Sub-Treasury here, which will probably be ~~drawn~~ made about the close of the present month, I have to ~~say~~ state that a delivery was made, this morning, ~~from~~ by the Chief Coiner, of $55,000 half-eagles, which have been transferred to the Sub-Treasury; and that measures are taken for striking an additional number of these coins.

R. M. P.
Dr.

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Sec. of the Treasury.

To the Treasurer of the Mint, and others interested,
The Director of the Mint, in compliance with the law, prescribes the following duties for the Clerks in the Mint.

There are ~~three~~ four Clerks of the Mint: Three for the Treasurer and one for the Director, as follows.
Treasurer's First Office Clerk, — Geo. W. Edelman
Treasurer's Second Office Clerk — Geo. F. Dunning
Treasurer's Clerk of the Weigh Room, — Edward Sprague
Director's Clerk ——— Robert Patterson.

The First Office Clerk

Shall, in subordination to the Treasurer, keep the book accounts of all the transactions of the Treas. of the Mint in bullion & coins, & with the Officers of the Mint & the depositors, and prepare the ~~abstracts~~ quarterly statements for [illegible] of the same, to be forwarded ~~quarterly~~ to the Treasury Department, ~~together with the accompanying abstracts~~ & accompanying abstracts, with the exception of the abstract of Bullion which is to be prepared by the 2d Office Clerk. He shall ~~calculate the standard weight and value of deposits~~ from the report of the assayer ~~estimates~~ ~~prepare~~ ~~the estimates and the detailed memorandums for the~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~and shall prepare the memorandums for the reports~~ calculate the standard weight and value of each deposit and the amount of deductions, if any, and prepare the detailed memor. for the depositor as required by §17 of the Mint Act. He shall also ~~calculate the standard weight of deposits~~ take the receipts of depositors preparatory to their payment.

The Second Office Clerk

Shall, in subordination to the Treasurer, prepare and hand to the Assayer the gross weights of deposits in the usual blank forms. He shall keep the Register of ~~Bullion~~ deposits, and ~~he shall also~~ prepare the quarterly abstract of Gold and Silver bullion to be forwarded with the ~~quarterly accounts to the Treasury Department~~. He shall also keep the accounts of the Treasurer relative to the purchase, coinage and distribution of copper, and and prepare the quarterly statements of the same for transmission to the Treasury Department.

The Clerk of the Weigh Room

(quote from original instructions)

The Director's Clerk

shall give his attention to the official correspondence of the Director & to the agency of the Branch Mints as heretofore.

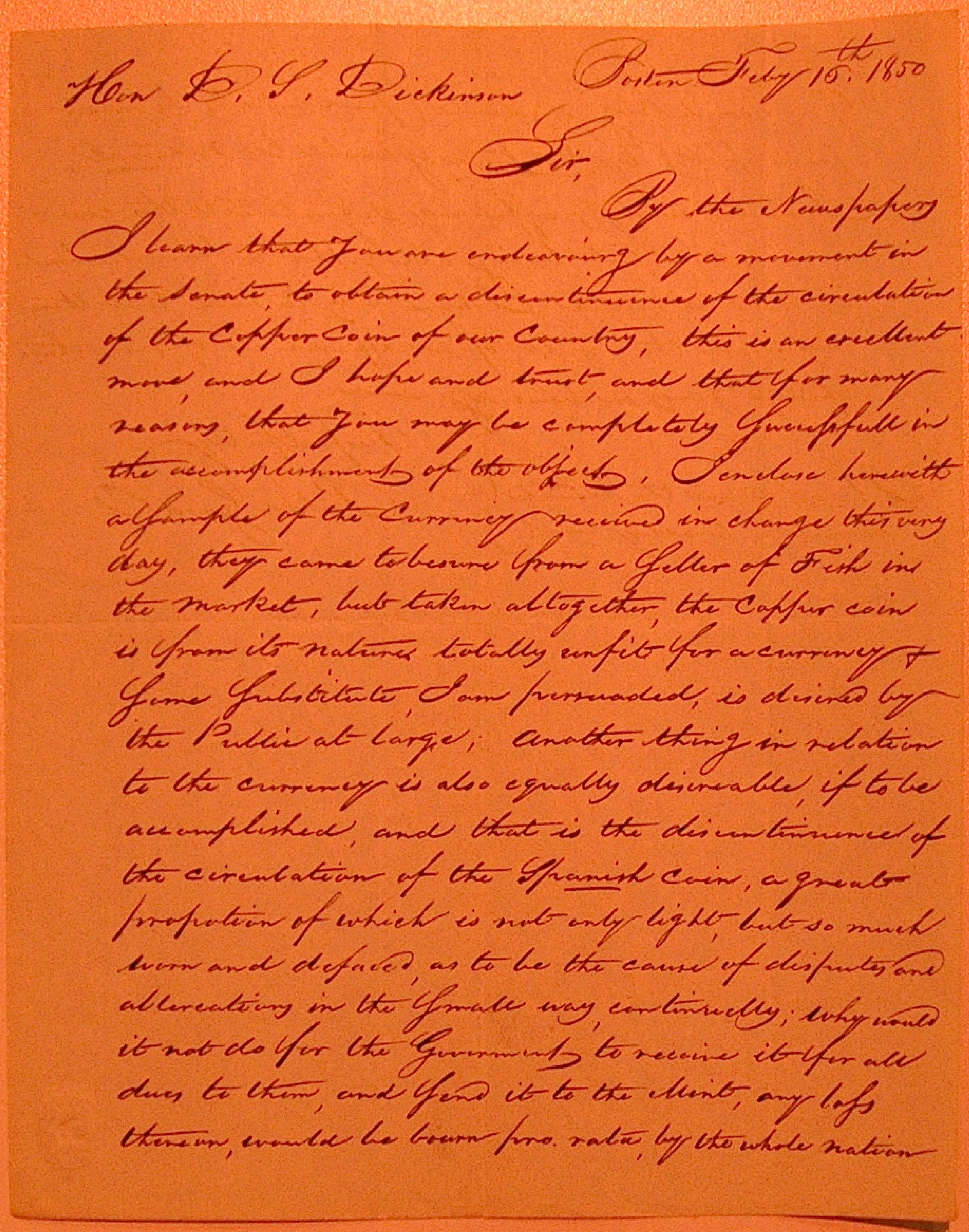
It shall be his duty to prepare all the Director's warrants and see that they are properly signed, and to this end he shall take from the second Office Clerk the necessary data for the copper warrants, and from the Clerk of the Weigh Room those for the warrants passing between the Officers of the Mint. He shall himself examine into the accuracy of bills which form the vouchers for ordinary warrants, and of the estimates of value made by the first Office Clerk as the basis of the warrants for the payment of depositors. He shall attend to the execution of receipts upon Ordinary Warrants and warrants which pass between the Officers of the Mint. He shall keep the accounts of the Ordinary Receipts & Expenditures of the Mint & prepare the quarterly statements of the same for transmission to the Treasury Department. He shall also keep ~~the Register of deposits~~ Accounts of the Melter & Refiner's Register of the Receipts & Delivery of bullion.

Increase of the messenger's allowance since 18

The Director relies upon the courtesy of the Clerks in rendering &c

He also requests that ~~when the business of the Mint will admit greater~~ this courtesy may be occasional assistance may be rendered ~~to the Treasury~~ in the Assistant Treasury by such of the Clerks as may, at ~~the time~~ be most readily spared from the business of the Mint.

The office hours &c



Hon D. S. Dickinson Boston Feby 15th 1850

Sir,

By the Newspapers I learn that You are endeavoring by a movement in the Senate, to obtain a discontinuence of the circulation of the Copper Coin of our Country, this is an excellent move, and I hope and trust, and that for many reasons, that You may be completely Succeſsfull in the accomplishment of the object, I enclose herewith a Sample of the Currency received in change this very day, they came to be sure from a Seller of Fish in the market, but taken altogether, the Copper coin is from its nature totally unfit for a currency & Some Substitute, I am persuaded, is desired by the Public at large; Another thing in relation to the currency is also equally desireable, if to be accomplished, and that is the discontinuence of the circulation of the Spanish Coin, a greater proportion of which is not only light, but so much worn and defaced, as to be the cause of disputes and altercations in the Small way continually; why would it not do for the Government to receive it for all dues to them, and Send it to the Mint, any loſs thereon, would be borne pro. rata, by the whole nation

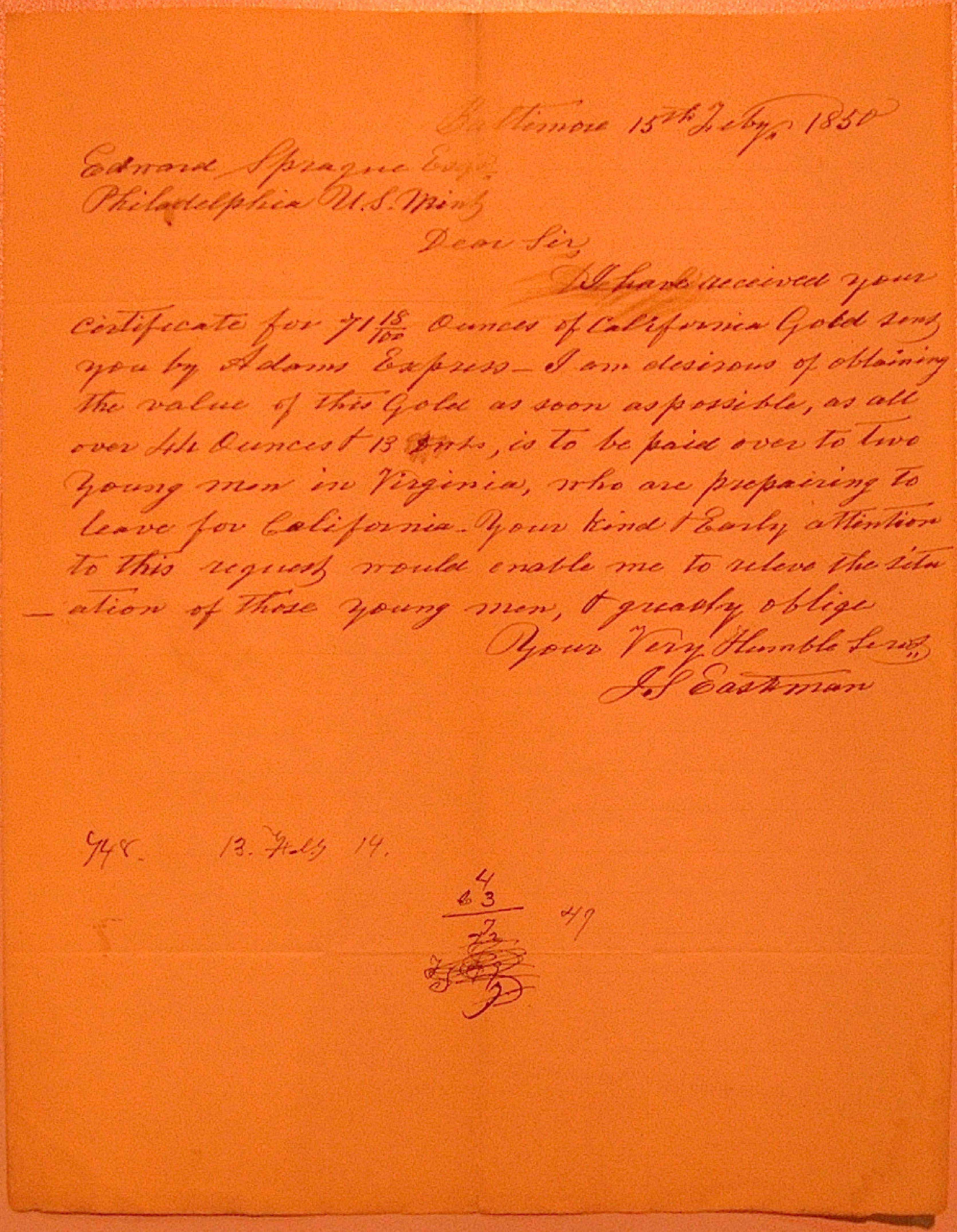
Our circulating medium (particularly the minor parts of it) by this time, should be national,

I would readily affix my signature to this communication, but being altogether unknown where it will be received, I have only to add, that these views are the result of an experience of more than forty Years in busineſs —

Respectfully

Public Good

Please excuse the trouble occasioned hereby —



Baltimore 15th Feby 1850

Edward Sprague Esqr
Philadelphia U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

I have received your certificate for $71\frac{18}{100}$ Ounces of California Gold sent you by Adams Express — I am desirous of obtaining the value of this Gold as soon as possible, as all over 44 Ounces & 13 dwts, is to be paid over to two young men in Virginia, who are prepairing to leave for California. Your kind & Early attention to this request would enable me to releve the situation of those young men, & greatly oblige

Your Very Humble Servt
J. S. Eastman

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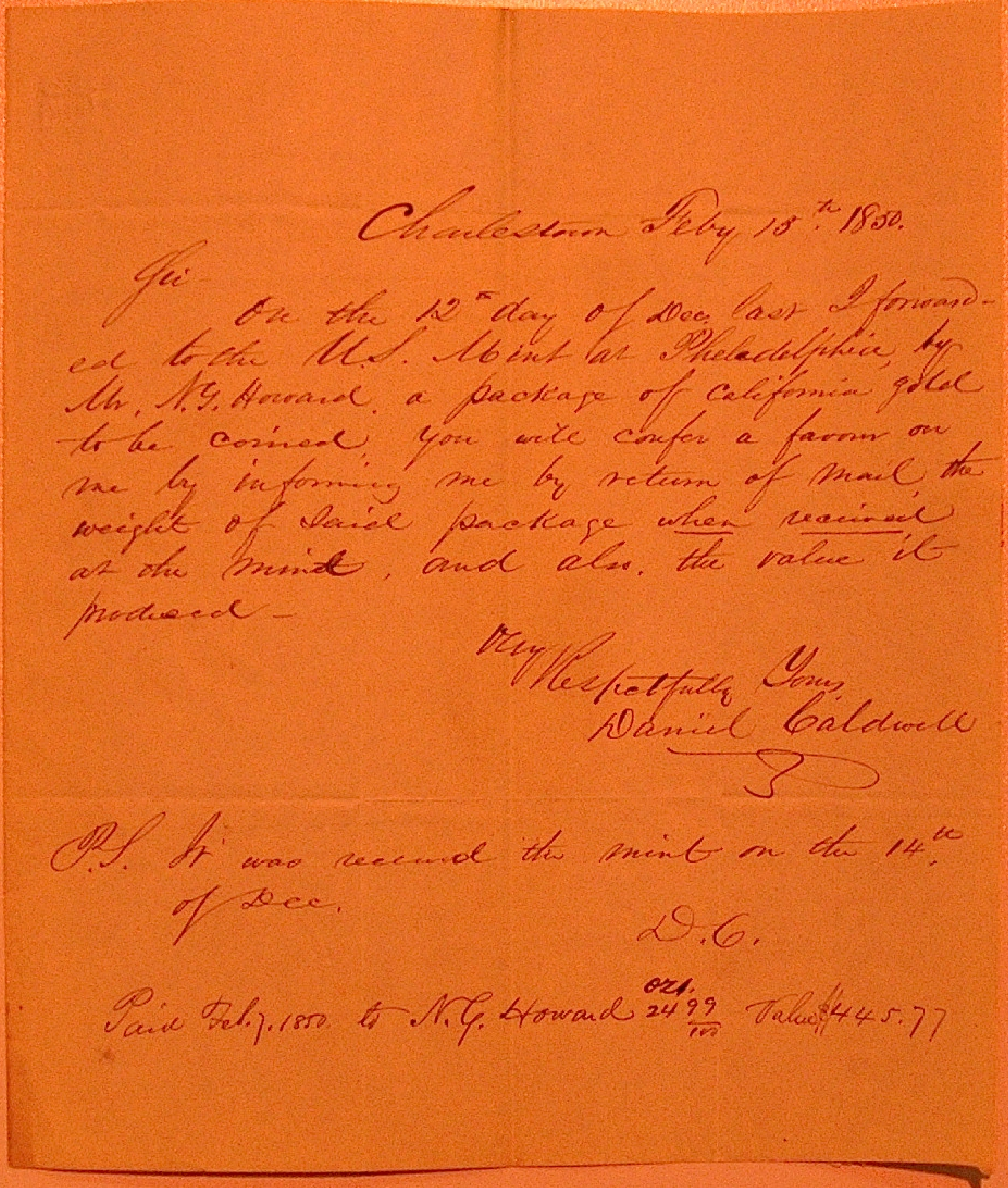

Charlestown Feby 15th 1850.

Sir

On the 12th day of Dec. last I forwarded to the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, by Mr. N.G. Howard, a package of California gold to be coined. You will confer a favour on me by informing me by return of mail, the weight of said package when received at the mint, and also, the value it produced –

Very Respectfully Yours
Daniel Caldwell

P.S. It was receivd the mint on the 14th of Dec.

D.C.

Paid Feb. 7. 1850. to N.G. Howard oz. $24\frac{99}{100}$ Value $445.77

Charlestown July 16 1880

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to inform me by Mail whether the gold has been coined that was deposited by Adams Co. for J. Lindsey of Charlestown Mass. as per receipt signed by you for the Treasurer of the Mint dated at Philadelphia the 24th day of Jany. 1880, numbered 383, and if not coined how soon it may be expected, and you will much oblige

Yours

J. Lindsey

$2312.72

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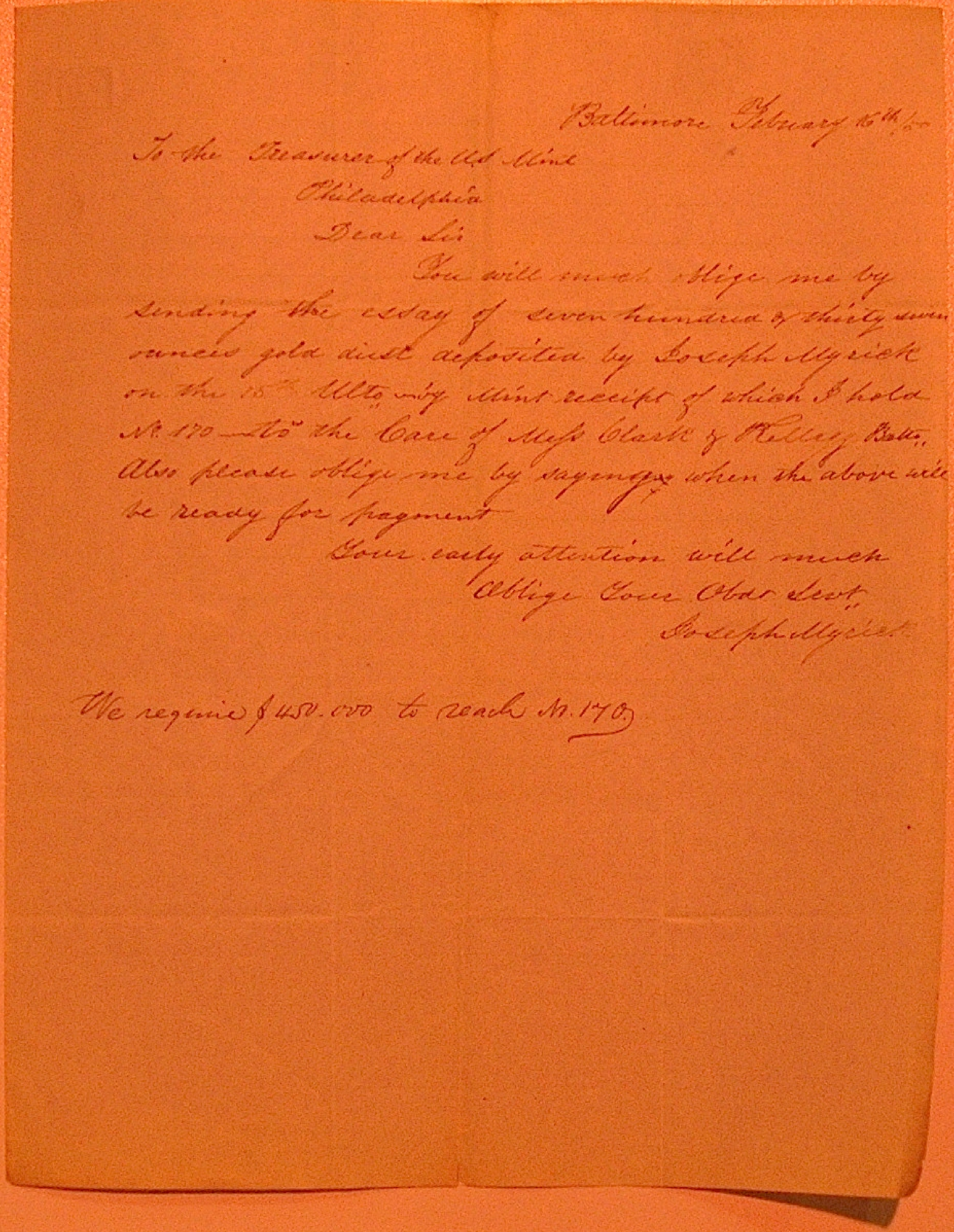
Say 3 weeks



Baltimore February 16th/50

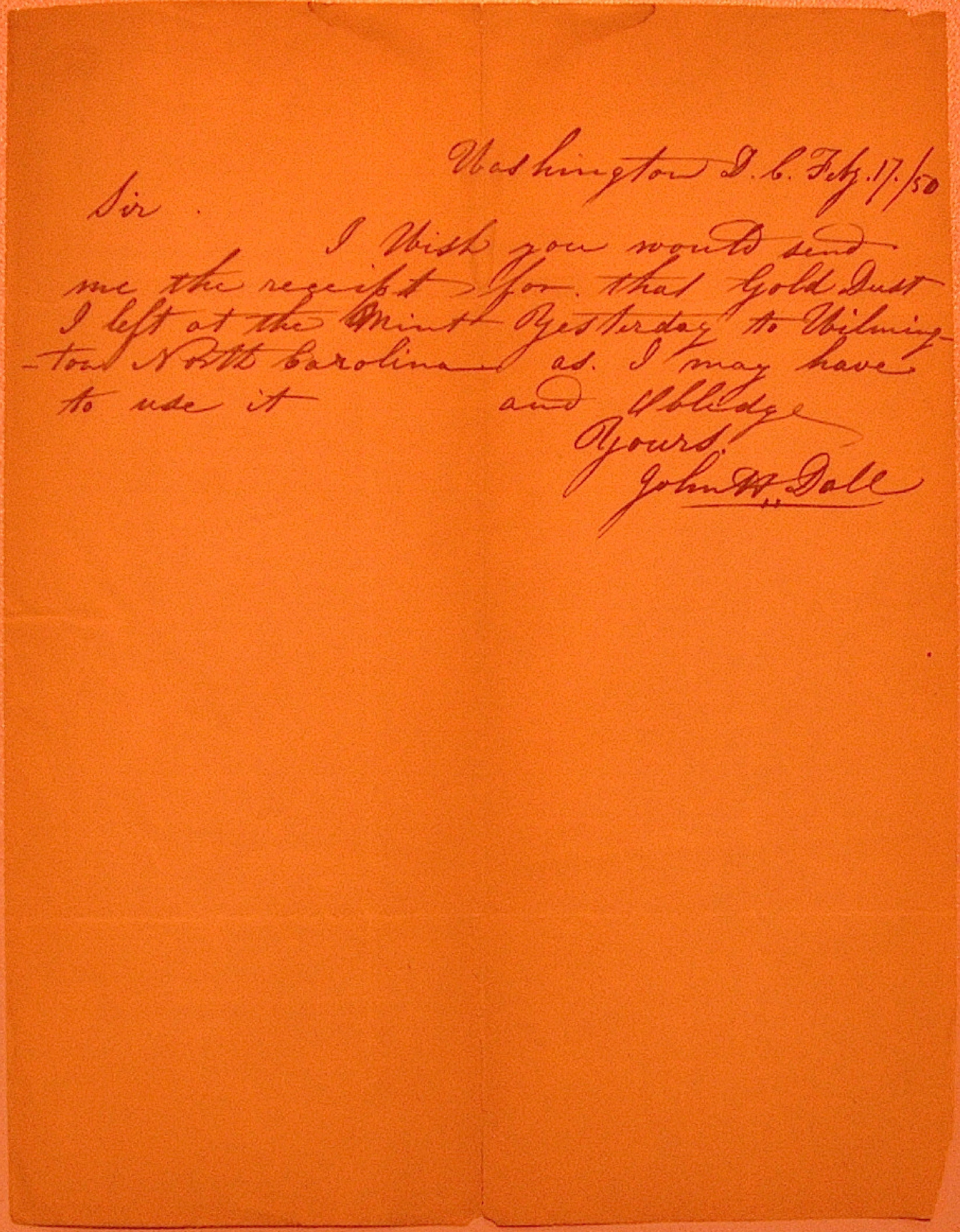
To the Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

You will much oblige me by sending the essay of seven hundred & thirty seven ounces gold dust deposited by Joseph Myrick on the 15th Ulto. my Mint receipt of which I hold No. 170 — to the Care of Messrs Clark & Kelley Balto. Also please oblige me by saying when the above will be ready for payment

Your early attention will much
Oblige Your Obdt Servt.
Joseph Myrick

We require $450.000 to reach No. 170



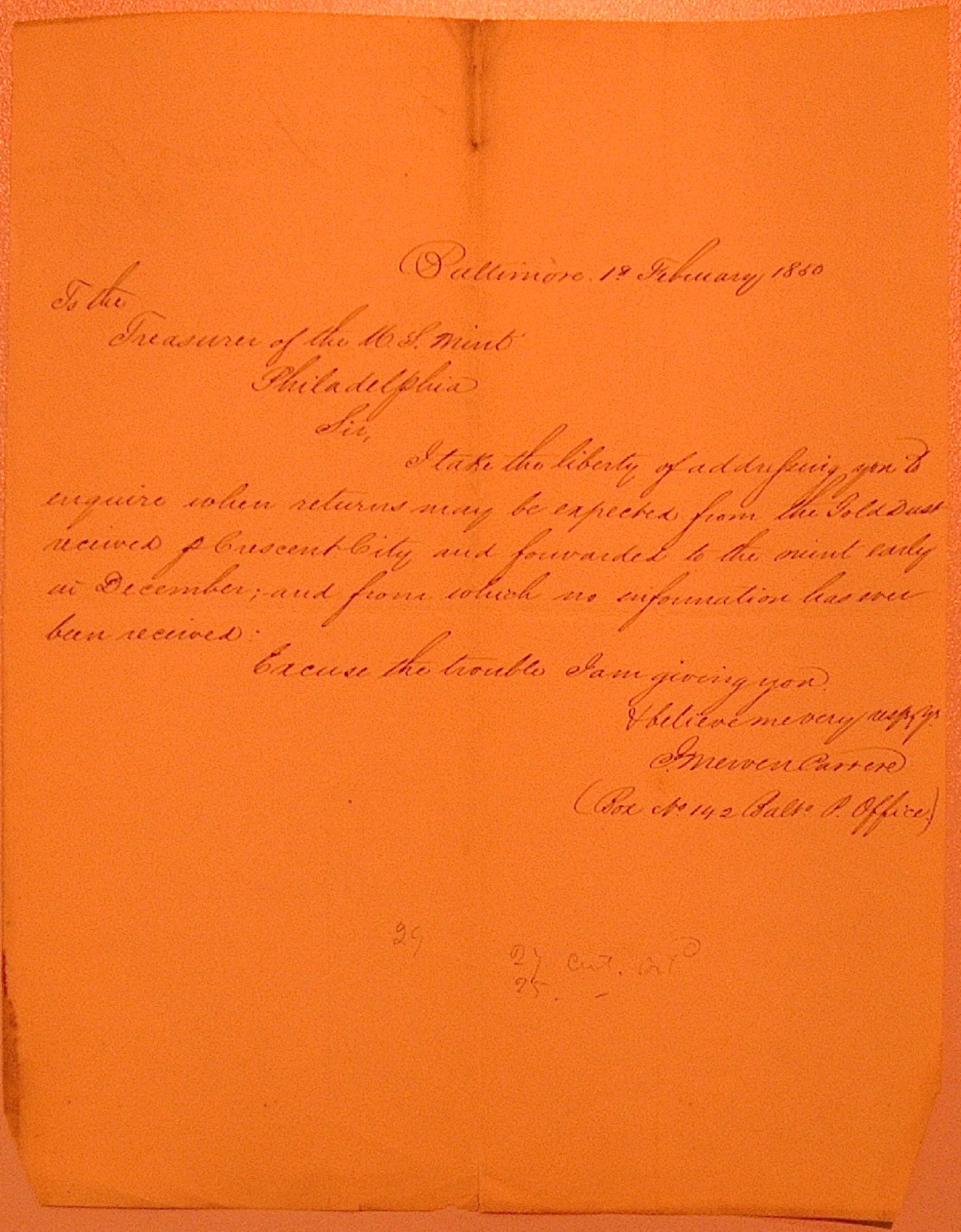
Washington D. C. Feby. 17/50

Sir.

I Wish you would send me the receipt for that Gold Dust I left at the Mint Yesterday to Wilmington North Carolina as I may have to use it and Obbledge

Yours,

John H. Doll



Baltimore 19 February 1850

To the
Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Sir,

I take the liberty of addressing you to enquire when returns may be expected from the Gold dust received p Crescent City and forwarded to the mint early in December; and from which no information has ever been received:

Excuse the trouble I am giving you
& believe me very resp. yr.
J. Meven Carrere
(Box No 142 Balt. P. Office)

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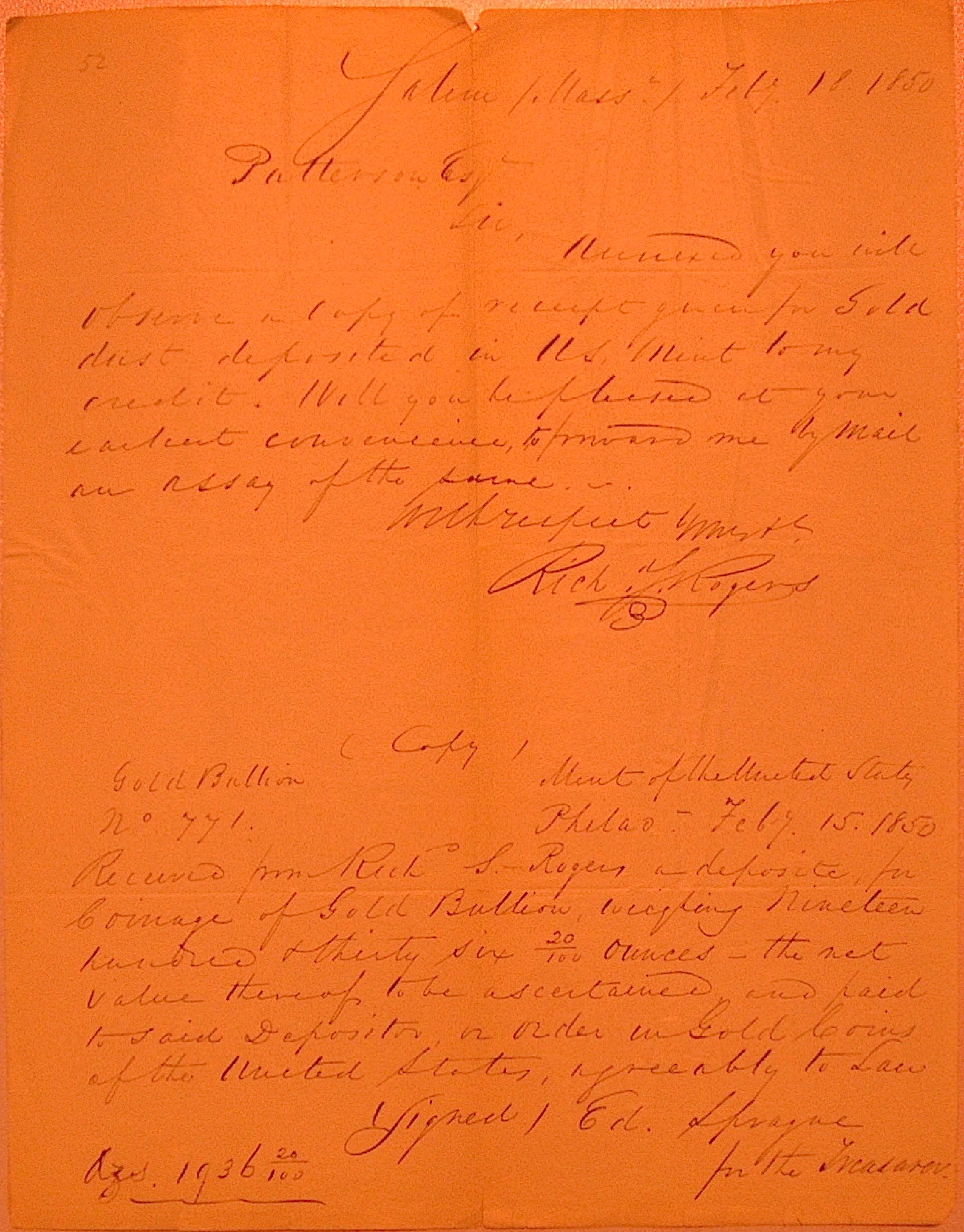

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Salem, Mass.tts, Feby. 18. 1850

Patterson Esq.re

Sir,

Annexed you will observe a copy of receipt given for Gold dust deposited in U.S. Mint to my credit. Will you be pleased at your earliest convenience, to forward me by Mail an assay of the same. —

With respect, Yours &c,

Rich.d S. Rogers

(Copy)

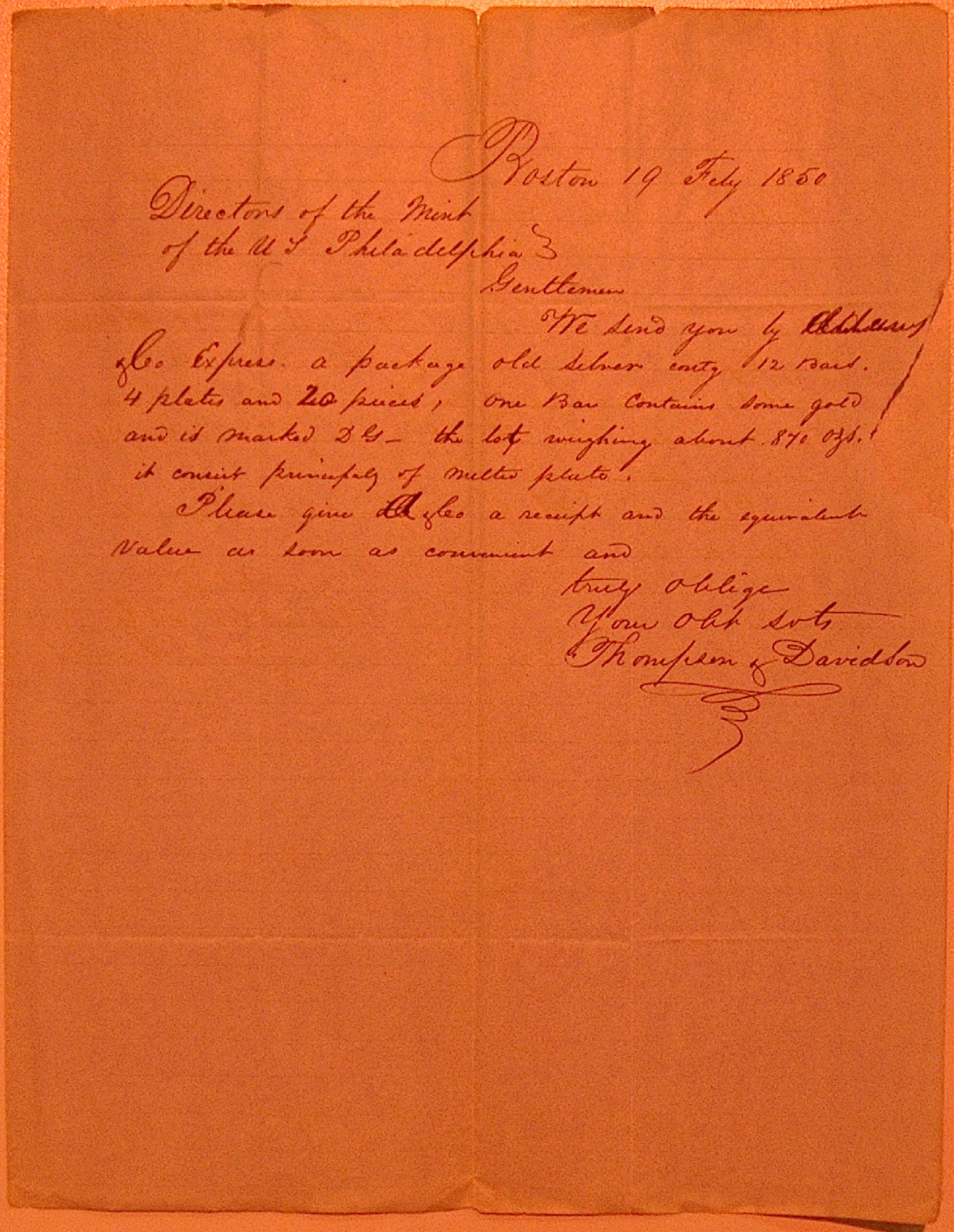
Gold Bullion
No. 771.

Mint of the United States
Philad.a Feby. 15. 1850

Received from Rich.d S. Rogers a deposite, for Coinage of Gold Bullion, weighing Nineteen hundred & thirty six $\frac{20}{100}$ Ounces — the net value thereof to be ascertained, and paid to said Depositor, or Order in Gold Coins of the United States, agreeably to Law

Signed / Ed. Sprague
for the Treasurer

Ozs. 1936 $\frac{20}{100}$



Boston 19 Feby 1850

Directors of the Mint
of the U S Philadelphia

Gentlemen

We send you by Adams & Co Express a package old Silver conty 12 Bars. 4 plates and 20 pieces; One Bar Contains some gold and is marked D G – the lot weighing about 870 ozs. it consist principaly of melted plate.

Please give A & Co a receipt and the equivalent value as soon as convenient and

truly oblige
Your obt svts
Thompson & Davidson

R. M. Patterson Esq

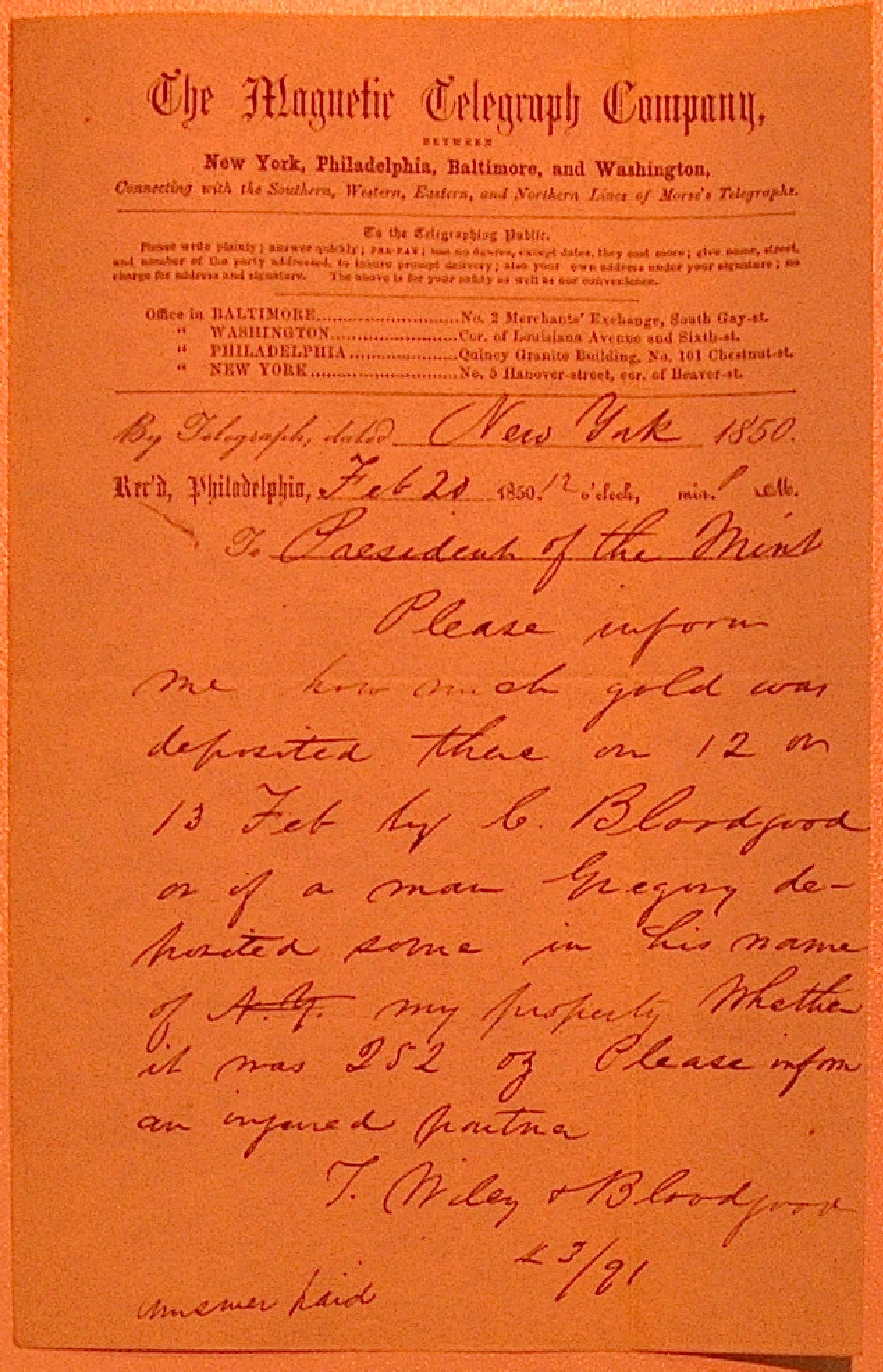
New York May 2/51

Sir

You will please forward me the Assay of Gold dust per dept No. 602. & 88^{33} oz to the Care Willet & C. 10 Wall St NY

Yours Respectfully

John C Day



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" PHILADELPHIA..........Quincy Granite Building, No. 101 Chestnut-st.
" NEW YORK..........No. 5 Hanover-street, cor. of Beaver-st.

By Telegraph, dated New York 1850.

Rec'd, Philadelphia, Feb 20 1850. 12 o'clock, min. 1 M.

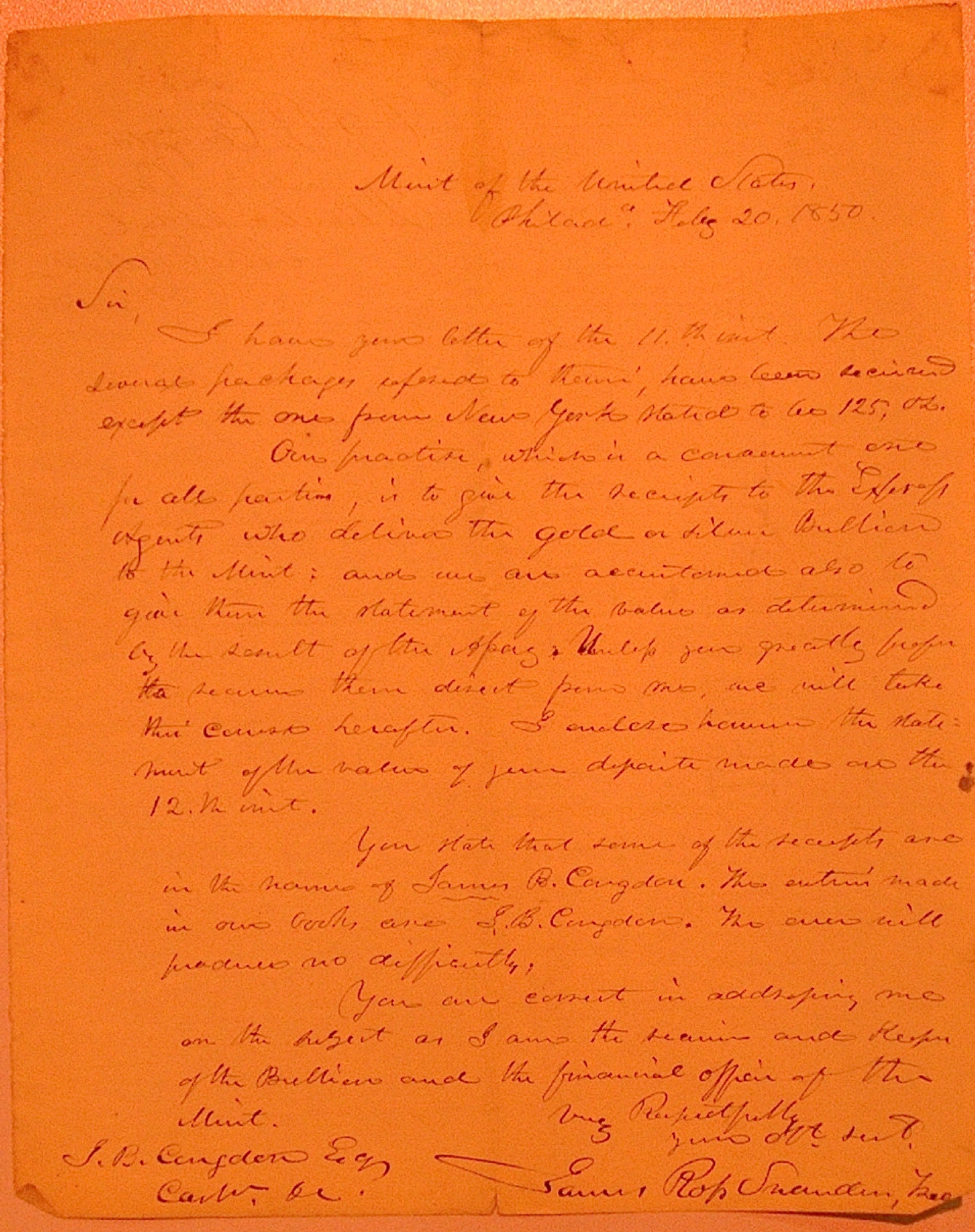
To President of the Mint

Please inform me how much gold was deposited there on 12 or 13 Feb by C. Bloodgood or if a man Gregory deposited some in his name of ~~A.G.~~ my property Whether it was 252 oz Please inform an injured partner

T. Wiley & Bloodgood

23/21

Answer Paid



Mint of the United States,
Philada. Feby 20, 1850.

Sir,

I have your letter of the 11th inst. The several packages referred to therein, have been received except the one from New York stated to be 125 oz.

Our practice, which is a convenient one for all parties, is to give the receipts to the Express Agents who deliver the gold or silver Bullion to the Mint; and we are accustomed also to give them the statement of the value as determined by the result of the Assay. Unless you specially prefer the receiving them direct from me, we will take that course hereafter. I enclose herewith the statement of the value of your deposite made on the 12th inst.

You state that some of the receipts are in the name of James B. Congdon. The entries made in our books are J. B. Congdon. The error will produce no difficulty.

You are correct in addressing me on the subject as I am the receiver and Keeper of the Bullion and the financial officer of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
James Ross Snowden, Tre.

J. B. Congdon Esq.
Cashr. &c.

Rockville Md.
Feby 20th 1850.

Sir.

I deposited at the Mint on the 9th of Jany some Gold Bullion for coinage, and I am under the impression that you told me at that time, that it would be coined in about a month. May I ask the favor of you to inform me if it has been coined, if not, at what time I may expect it will be ready for me.

Very Respectfully &c.
N. Holland

Ed. Sprague Esq.

No 97

San Francisco Feby 28th 1850

To the presiding officer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir I have this day shipped by the Steamer of March 1st three hundred twelve and a half ounces of Gold Dust (312½ ozs) valued at five thousand dollars, to your care for coining, the proceeds to be held subject to the order of Willard P. Phillips Esqr of Salem Mass. I have advised Mr. Phillips of this remittance and enclosed to him a bill of Lading from Macondray & Co. for the Dust, they insuring it to your Mint, I hope it will come safely to your hands.

Respectfully Yours
Jonª Batchelder
for Owners of Ship Elizabeth
of Salem Mass.

R. M. Patterson Esq

Sir

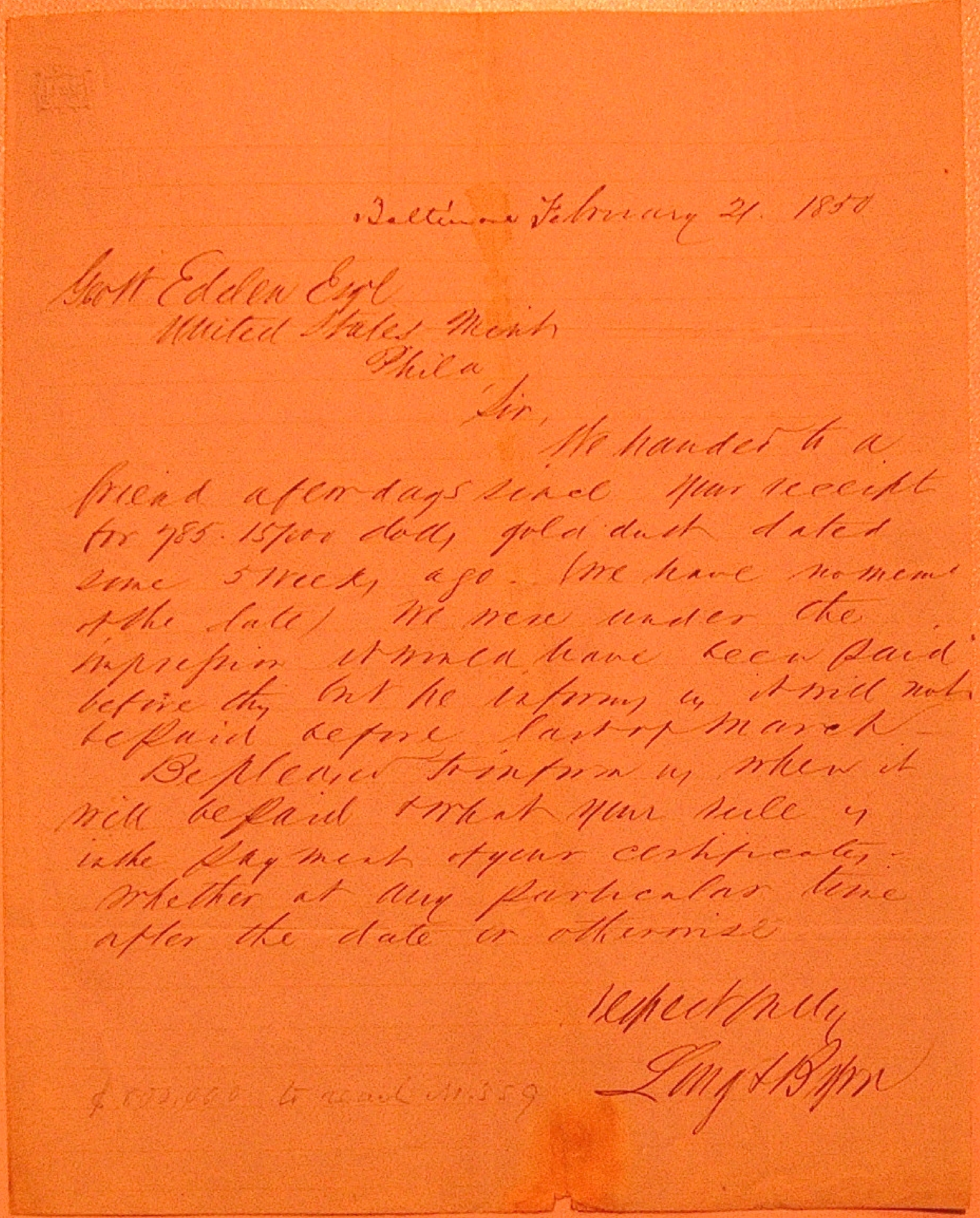
Will you permit me to make you acquainted Messrs. Phoenix & Renwick of New York – with Mrs. Phoenix. Miss Renwick and my daughter – They have been spending a few days in Washington, and are desirous to visit the Mint in Phila... if you will afford them the facilities for doing so. I shall feel myself under much obligation to you

Respectfully Yours

J. Phillips Phoenix

Ho. of Reps. Feb 21/51.

Mrs. Renwick
Son & wife
Daughter



Baltimore February 21. 1850

Geo N Eckert Esqr
United States Mint
Phila

Sir,

We handed to a friend a few days since your receipt for 785.15/100 dolls gold dust dated some 5 weeks ago. (We have no memo of the date) We were under the impression it would have been paid before this but he informs us it will not be paid before last of March—

Be pleased to inform us when it will be paid & what your rule is in the payment of your certificates— whether at any particular time after the date or otherwise

Respectfully
Long & Byrn

$ 833.060 to recd M.559

R M Patterson Esq   New York 22 February 1850

Treasurer

Sir

Permit me to request of you to favor me with a statement of the assay & a mint receipt for the gold dust (130 oz) transmitted to the mint for coinage on 9th inst. as per receipt No 540, now in my possession

I am very respectfully

Yr obdt Servt

Robert Hogan

New York Feb 23^d 1850

Dear Sir

I hand M^r. Ed Sprague For the Treasurer of the Mint Certificate N^o. 768. Feb 15th 1850 for 79 24/ ounces Gold Bullion, in my name and I will thank you to inclose me the Certificate of the assay — and inform me when you think the Coin will be in readiness for me and oblige your Obt Servt

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579,000 15,215
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10,958.00
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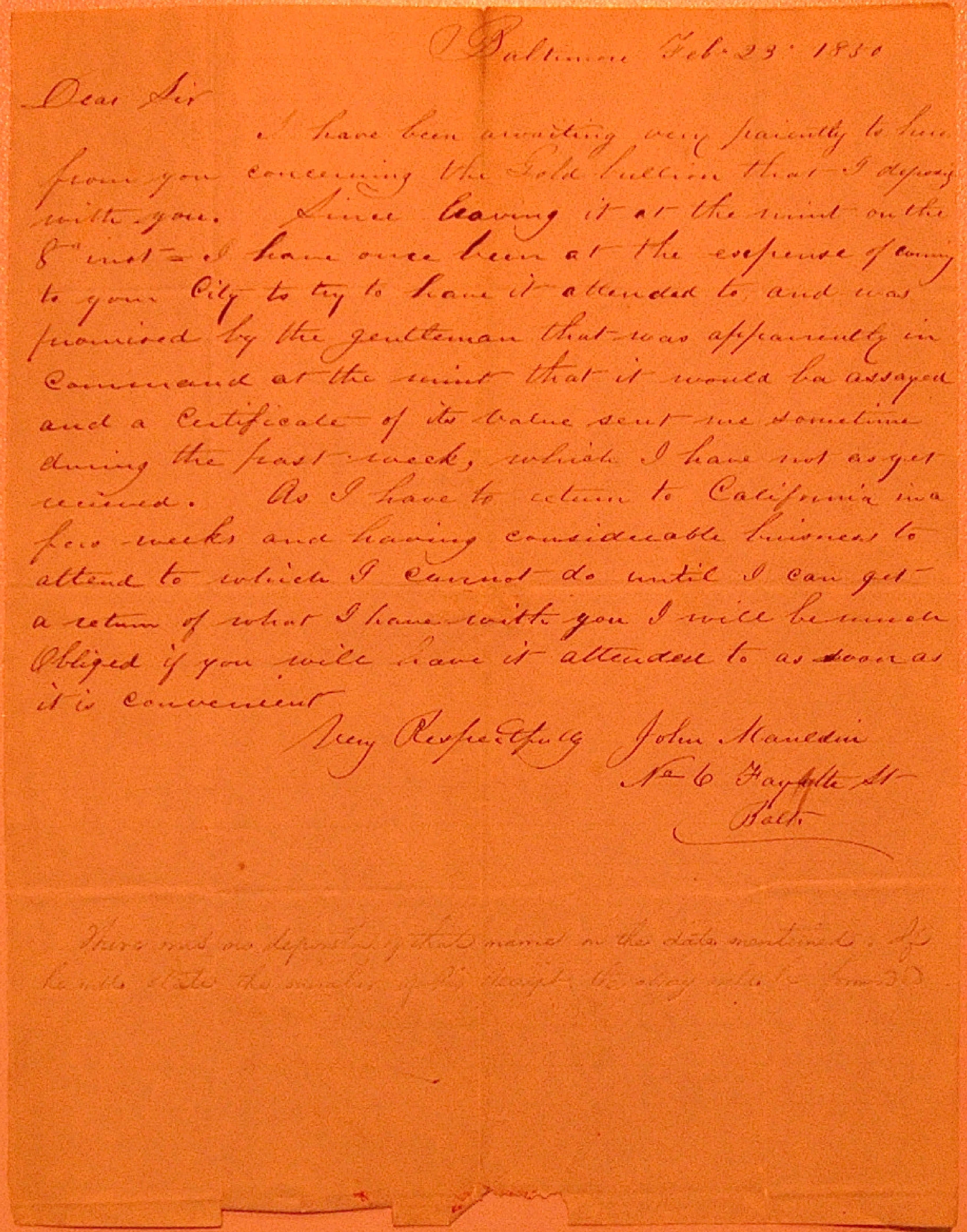
9,600
[illegible]

94,191.41	92,779.995	[illegible]
61,885.52	61,005.557	[illegible]
26.26	26.260	[illegible]
156,104.29	153,792.752	2,861,245.[illegible]

	39,908,700	39,278,669	46,906.[illegible]
Paid for	10,235,335	10,235,335	11,710.28
[illegible]	6,193,774	6,193,774	7,207.37
	56,337,809	55,707,778	64,823.62



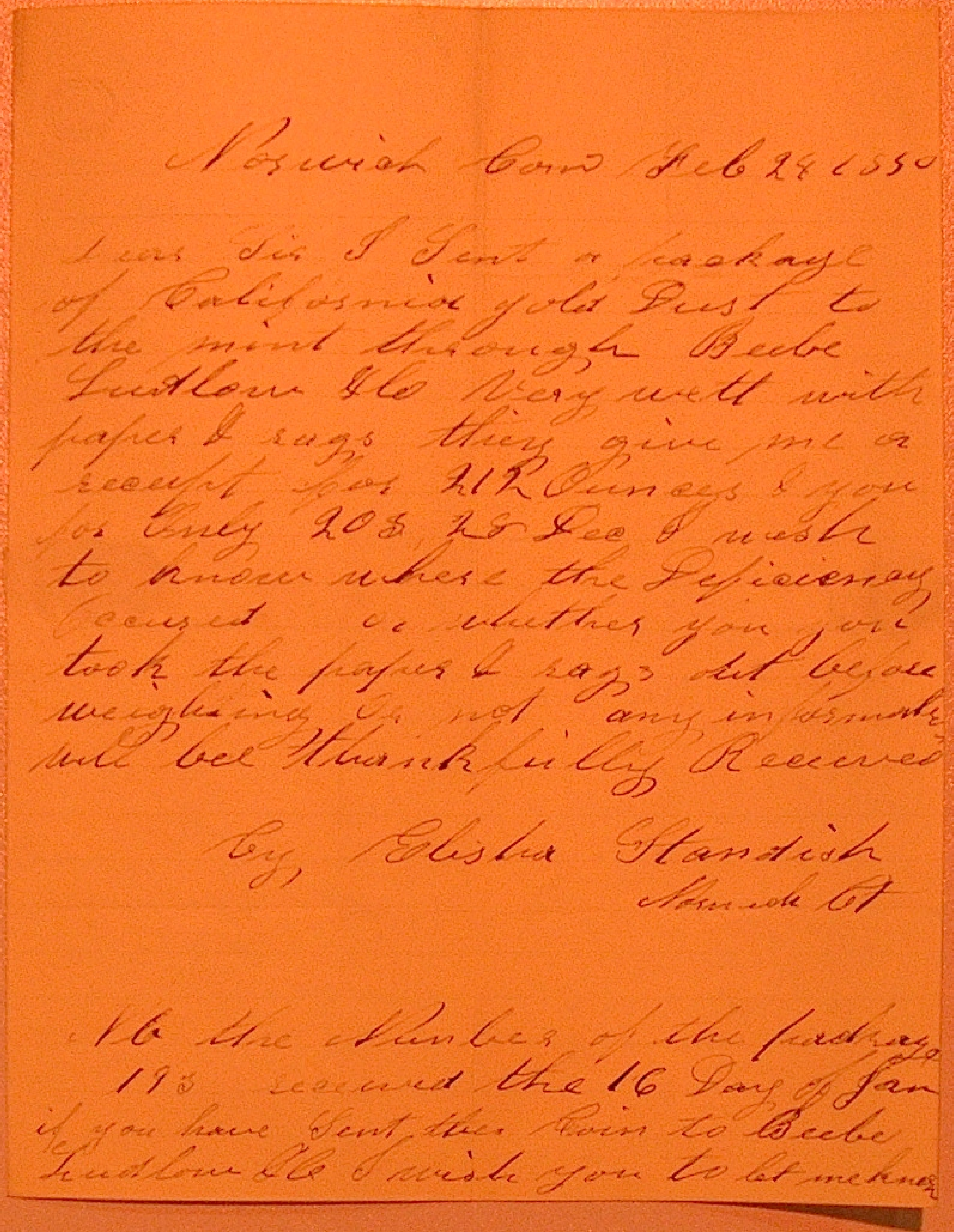
Baltimore Feb. 23. 1850

Dear Sir

I have been awaiting very patiently to hear from you concerning the Gold bullion that I deposi with you. Since leaving it at the mint on the 8th inst. I have once been at the expense of coming to your City to try to have it attended to, and was promised by the gentleman that was apparently in Command at the mint that it would be assayed and a Certificate of its value sent me sometime during the past week, which I have not as yet received. As I have to return to California in a few weeks and having considerable business to attend to which I cannot do until I can get a return of what I have with you I will be much Obliged if you will have it attended to as soon as it is convenient

Very Respectfully John Mauldin
No 6 Fayette St
Balt.

There was no deposit of that name on the date mentioned. If he will state the number of his receipt the assay will be forwarded.



Norwich Conn Feb 24 1850

Dear Sir I Sent a package of California gold Dust to the mint through Beebe Ludlow & Co Very well with paper & rags they give me a receipt for 212 Ounces & you for Only 208, 48 Dec I wish to know where the Deficiency Caused or whether you got took the paper & rags out before weighing or not any information will bee thankfully Received

Ey, Elisha Standish
Norwich Ct

No the Number of the package 193 received the 16 Day of Jan if you have Sent the Coin to Beebe Ludlow & Co I wish you to let me kno

Paterson N. J. Feb 25th 1850

Treasurer United States Mint
Philada.

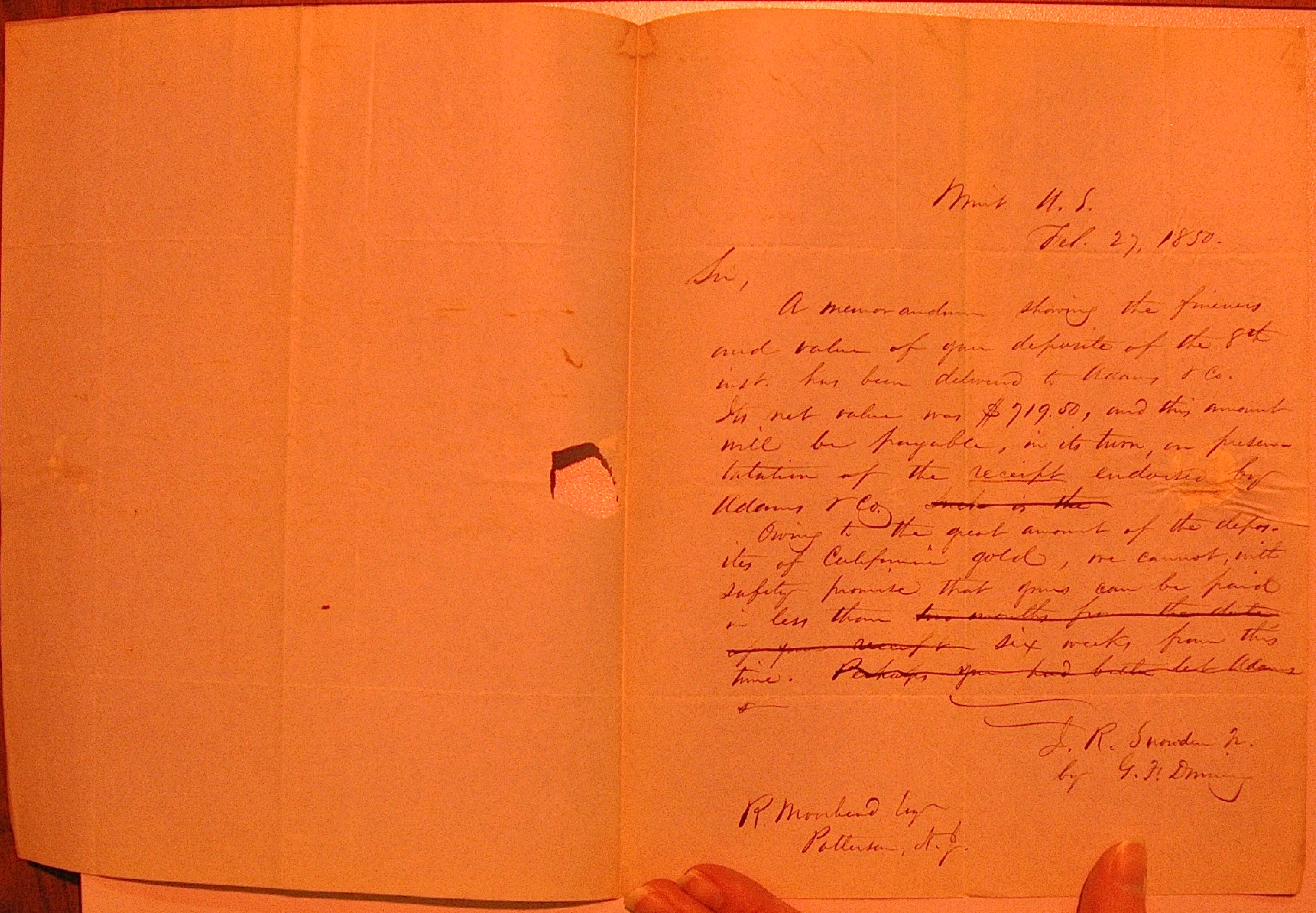
Dear Sir

I duly recd. through Adams & Co Ex., your recpt of the 8th Inst for $40\frac{2}{100}$ Ozs Gold Bullion for coinage Signed by Ed. Sprague. Will you have the goodness to inform me if its value is ascertained & if so, what is the amt, and what course is proper for me to take whether to draw for it or Authorise some person in Philada. to receive it.

Very Respy Yours

Robert Morehead

Dep. No. 569 – [illegible]



Mint U. S.
Feb. 27, 1850.

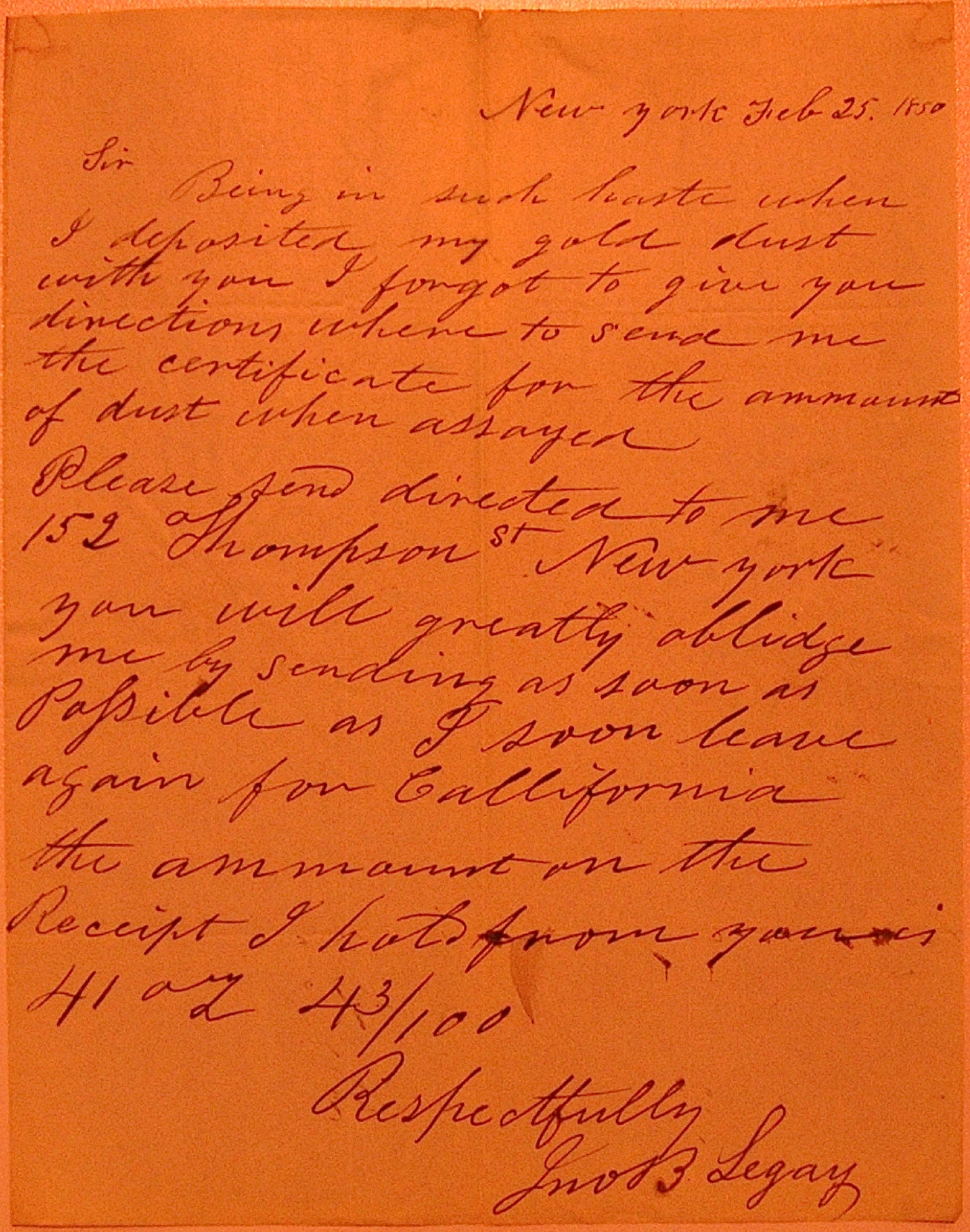
Sir,

A memorandum showing the fineness and value of your deposite of the 8th inst. has been delivered to Adams & Co. Its net value was $719.50, and this amount will be payable, in its turn, on presentation of the receipt endorsed by Adams & Co. ~~such is the~~

Owing to the great amount of the deposites of California gold, we cannot, with safety promise that yours can be paid in less than ~~two months from the date of your receipt or~~ six weeks from this time. ~~Perhaps you had better let Adams &~~

J. R. Snowden Tr.
by G. H. Downing

R. Moorhead Esqr
Patterson, N. J.



New york Feb 25. 1850

Sir

Being in such haste when I deposited my gold dust with you I forgot to give you directions where to send me the certificate for the ammount of dust when assayed

Please send directed to me 152 Thompson St New york

you will greatly ablidge me by sending as soon as Possible as I soon leave again for Callifornia

the ammount on the Receipt I hold from you is 41 oz 43/100

Respectfully

Jno B Legay

Treasury Department
February 25. 1850.

Sir

Your communication dated the 22nd instant, recommending certain alterations in the established charges at the Mint "for separating the gold & silver" was duly received. The charges proposed by you is approved, as is, also, your suggestion that it go into effect on the 1st. of March next.

I am very Respy,

W. M. Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.
Philada.

Hartford Connecticut Feb. 24. 1851

Hon. D. S. Dickinson
United States Senate

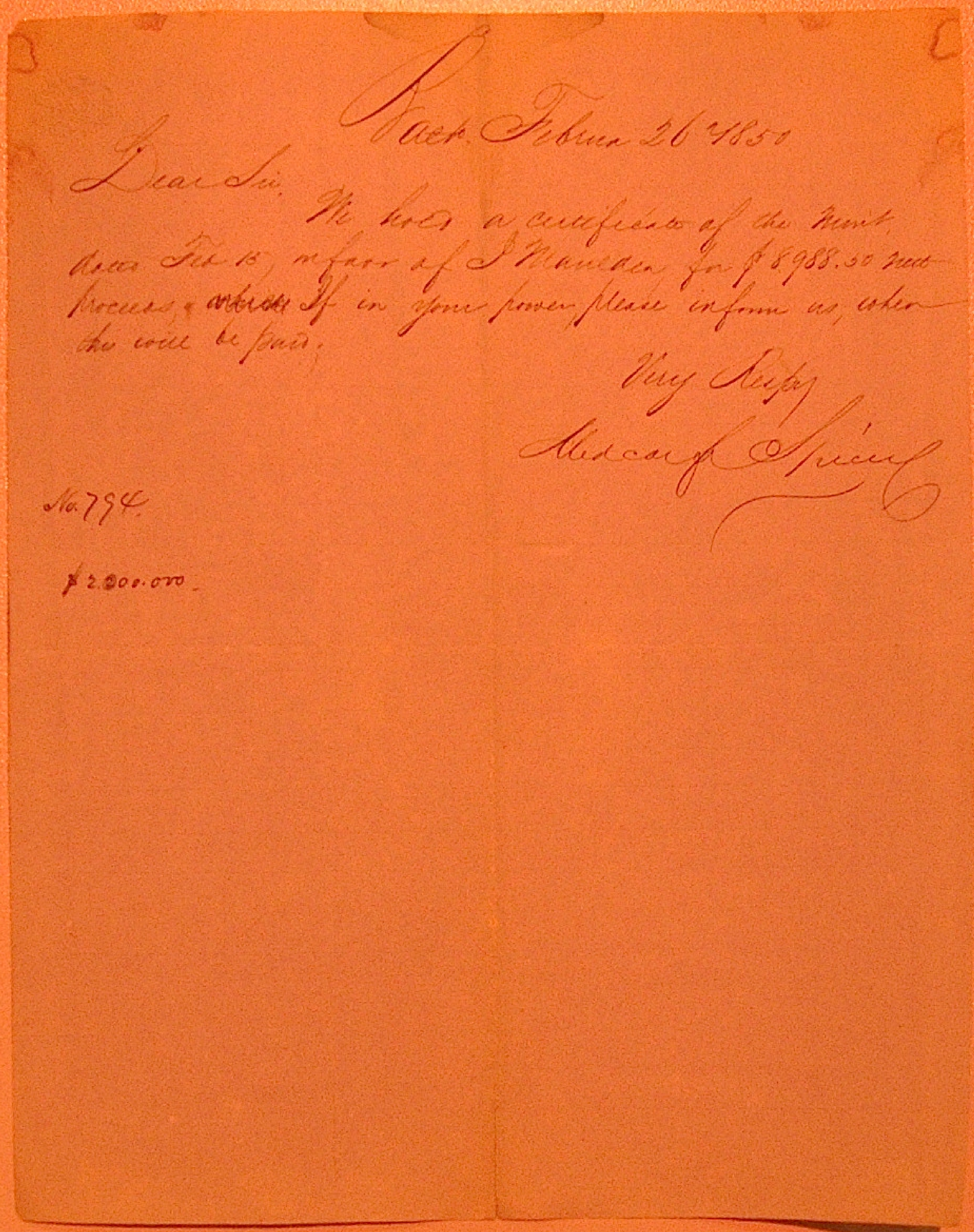
Sir;

The letter which I addressed to you, a few days since I took the liberty of publishing in the "*Hartford Times*" – one of the leading Democratic papers of this State – as an anonimous communication. As I intended should be the case, this drew out remarks from others, agreeing with me in some respects, but not in all. One writer objects to a coin with a hole in it – claiming that it can be stamped with some *bold figure*, making it sufficiently distinguishable from other coins, and more pleasing to the eye. Perhaps in this he may be right. Yet I can readily see how a coin with a hole through the center of it, and a neat border both on the inner and outer edge can be made as beautiful as any other; and certain I am that nothing can be more simple, or more readily distinguished from other coins. The same writer seems, also, to favor the adoption of *Quarter dimes* for the new coin; but from this I dissent, most decidedly; as it will reëstablish the half cent, which all are anxious to get rid of. The writer above alluded to maintains that the uniform rate of postage throughout the United States will be fixed at two and a half cents – and hence his wish for a coin of that value. *I* beleive that *three* cents will be found to be as low a rate of postage as the situation of our country will warrant for many years to come, certainly as low as any reasonable person ought to ask for. In any event, I hope the new coin will be either a two or a three cent piece, and that the rate of postage may be regulated accordingly. If a three cent piece should be adopted, as I hope it will be, and it should be thought advisable to make it solid, the more simple the device put upon it, the better. I would propose a large, bold figure 3 upon one side, and the date upon the other side, and but very little else.

I hope, sir, that I am not intruding too much upon your time and patience; if so pardon me.

Progreſs and improvement seem to be the order of the age, and should be applied wherever they are needed.

Yours, with due respect,
Henry D. Smith,
Treasurer of Conn.



Natch. Febru 26th 1850

Dear Sir

We hold a certificate of the Mint dated Feb 15, in favor of J Mauldin for $8,988.50 net proceeds, & which If in your power please inform us, when the will be paid,

Very Respy

Metcalf & Spicer

No. 794.

$2.000.000

Albany Feb 26th 1850

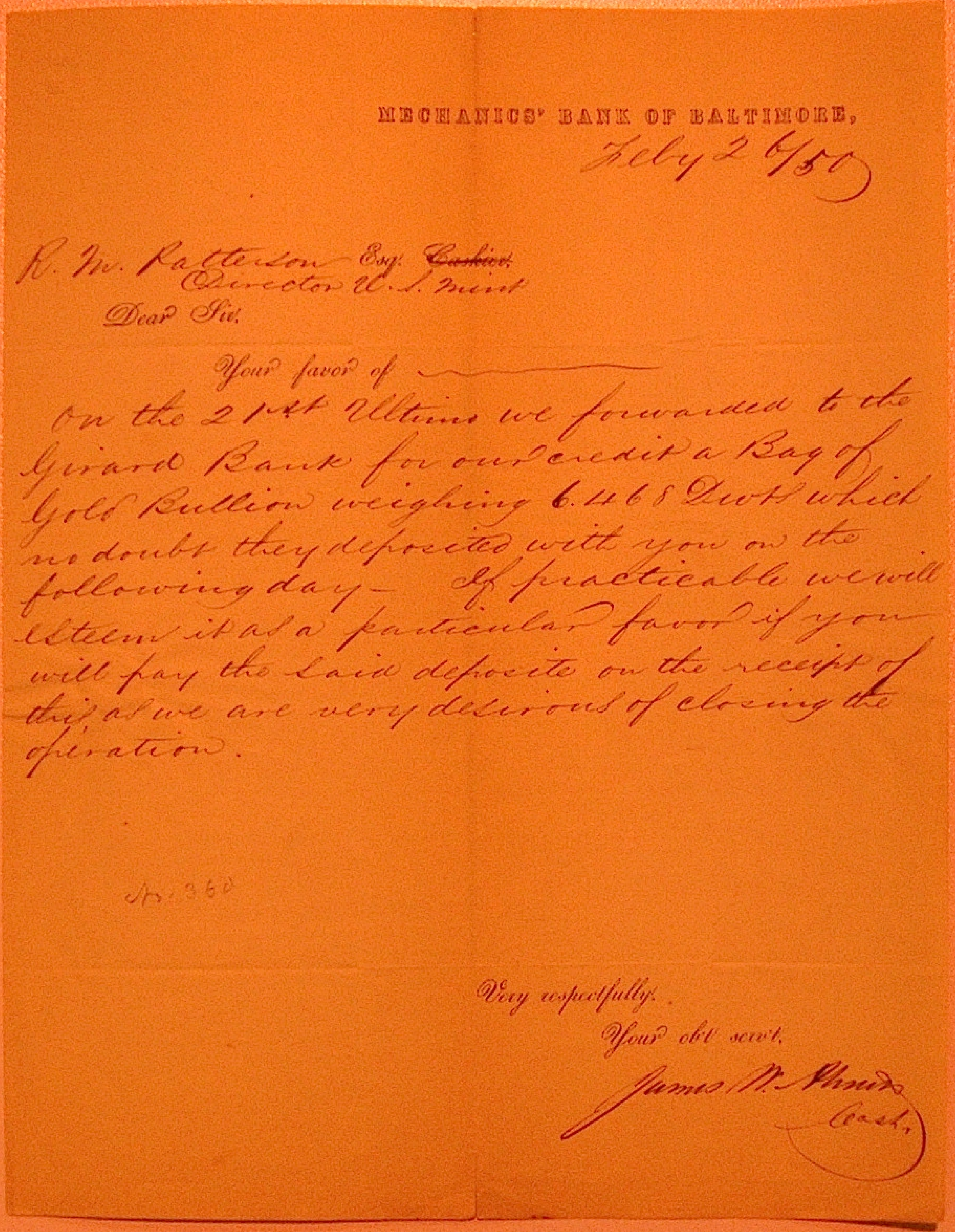
Sir

We find ourselves under the necessity of addressing you again in relation to our deposit of Gold Bullion at the mint as pr rect of Dec 18th/49

Your letter of 25th of Jany stated that we could probably get our money in one week from that date, we accordingly gave our rect to the Express (Wells & Co) in time to be there about that time, since which we have heard nothing of it and can learn nothing of it from the agts — You will please inform us in relation to its having been paid, if at all, when, and to whom and much oblige

Yours Respectfully
D & R L Howe

To R M Patterson Esqr
Director of U S Mint
Philadelphia



MECHANICS' BANK OF BALTIMORE,

Feby 26/50

R. M. Patterson Esq. ~~Cashier~~
Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir.

Your favor of

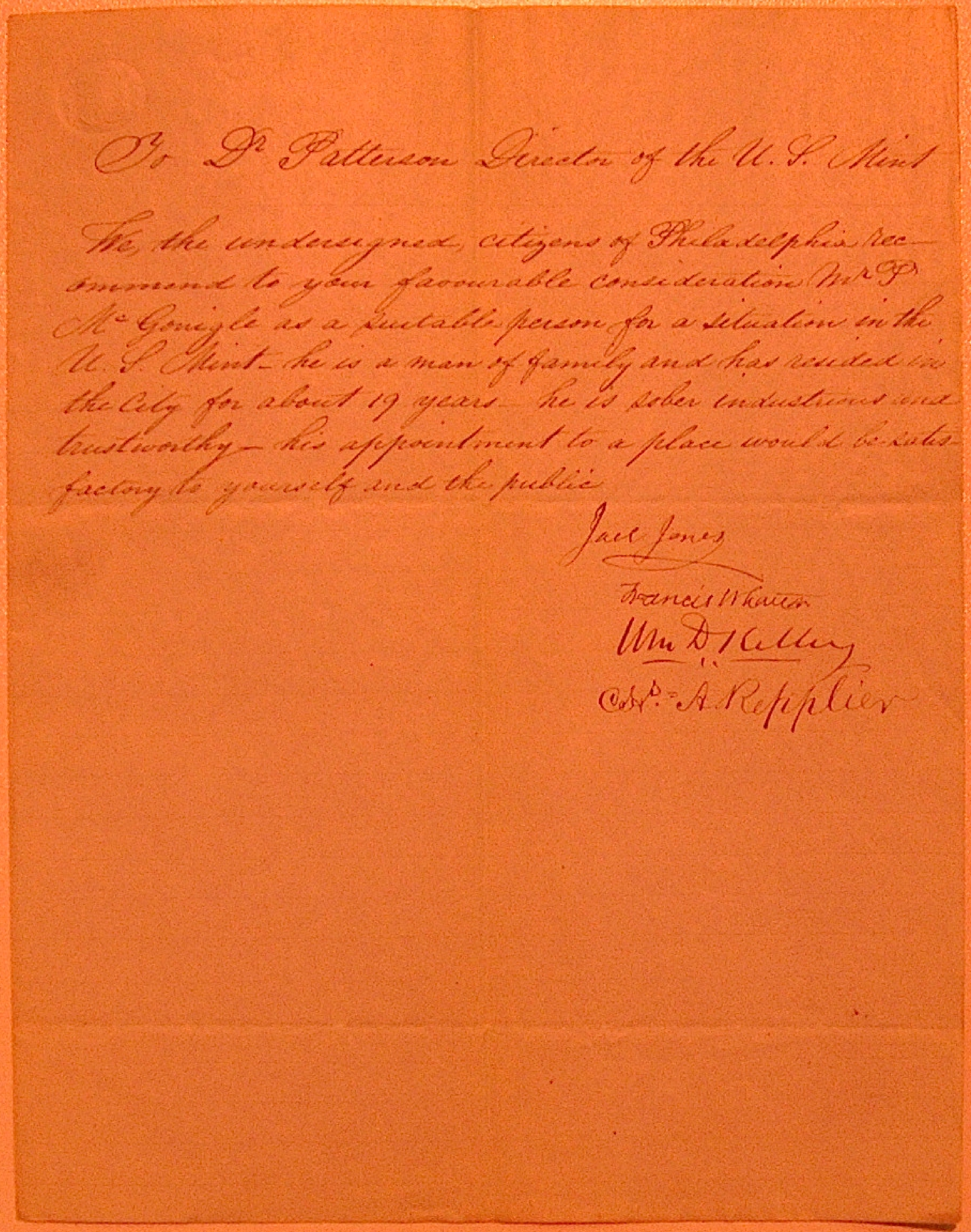
On the 21st Ultimo we forwarded to the Girard Bank for our credit a Bag of Gold Bullion weighing 6.468 Dwts which no doubt they deposited with you on the following day— If practicable we will Esteem it as a particular favor if you will pay the said deposite on the receipt of this as we are very desirous of closing the operation.

No. 360

Very respectfully.

Your obt servt.

James M. [illegible]
Cash.



To Dr Patterson Director of the U. S. Mint

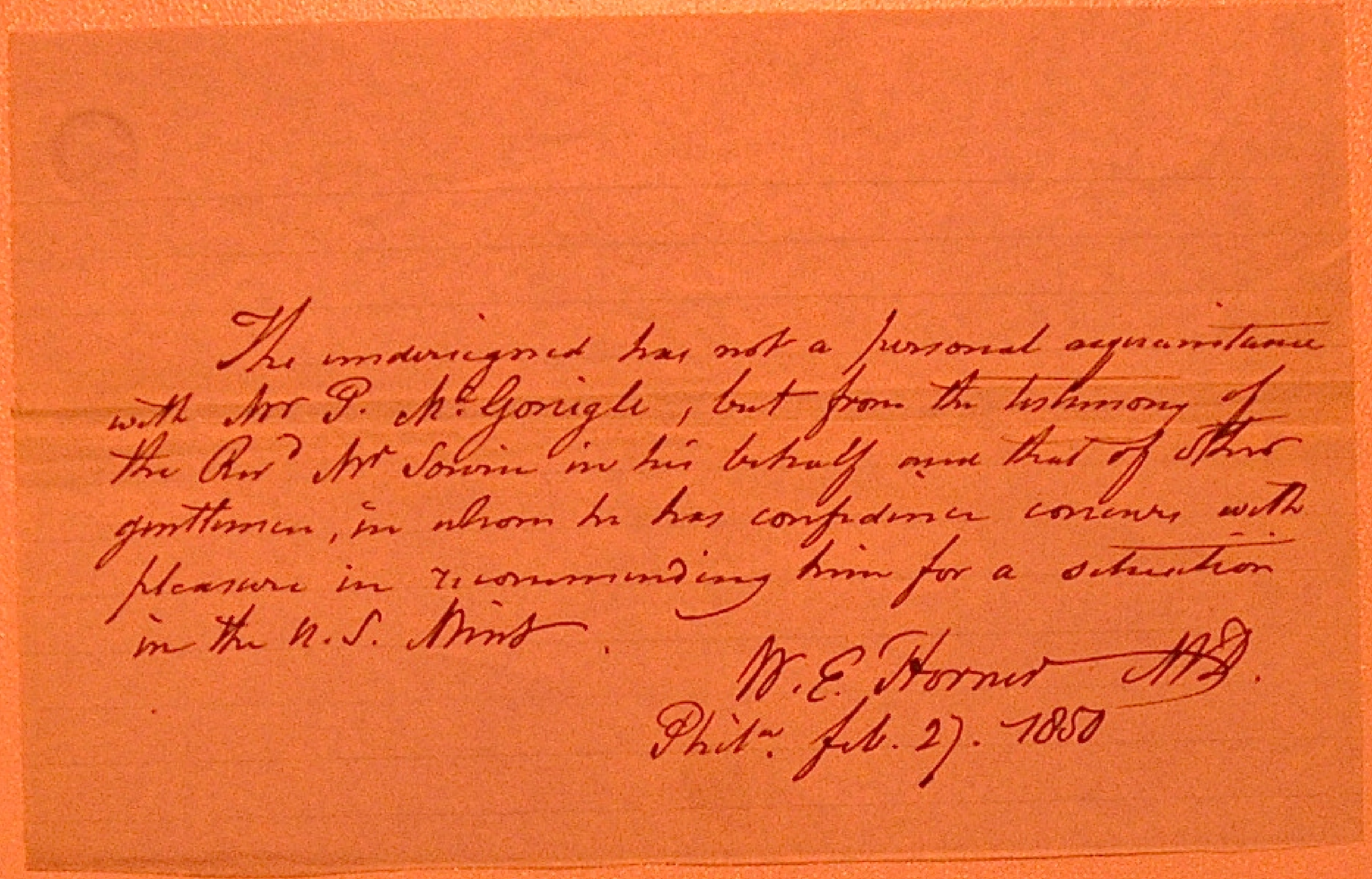
We the undersigned, citizens of Philadelphia recommend to your favourable consideration Mr P. McGonigle as a suitable person for a situation in the U. S. Mint – he is a man of family and has resided in the City for about 19 years – he is sober industrious and trustworthy – his appointment to a place would be satisfactory to yourself and the public

Jac. Jones

Francis Wharton

Wm D Kelley

Chs. A. Repplier



The undersigned has not a personal acquaintance with Mr P. McGonigle, but from the testimony of the Revd Mr Sourin in his behalf and that of other gentlemen, in whom he has confidence concurs with pleasure in recommending him for a situation in the U.S. Mint.

W. E. Horner M.D.
Phila. Feb. 27. 1850

Boston Feby 27, 1850

Sir

I have received through Adams & Co your receipts for 205 $\frac{31}{100}$ ounces Gold Bullion deposited for coinage, dated Feb 20th. Will you be so good as to inform me when I may expect your certificate of its value.

Very respectfully &c
Charles Loring
by Atty J. Hinckley

To the Treasurer of
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

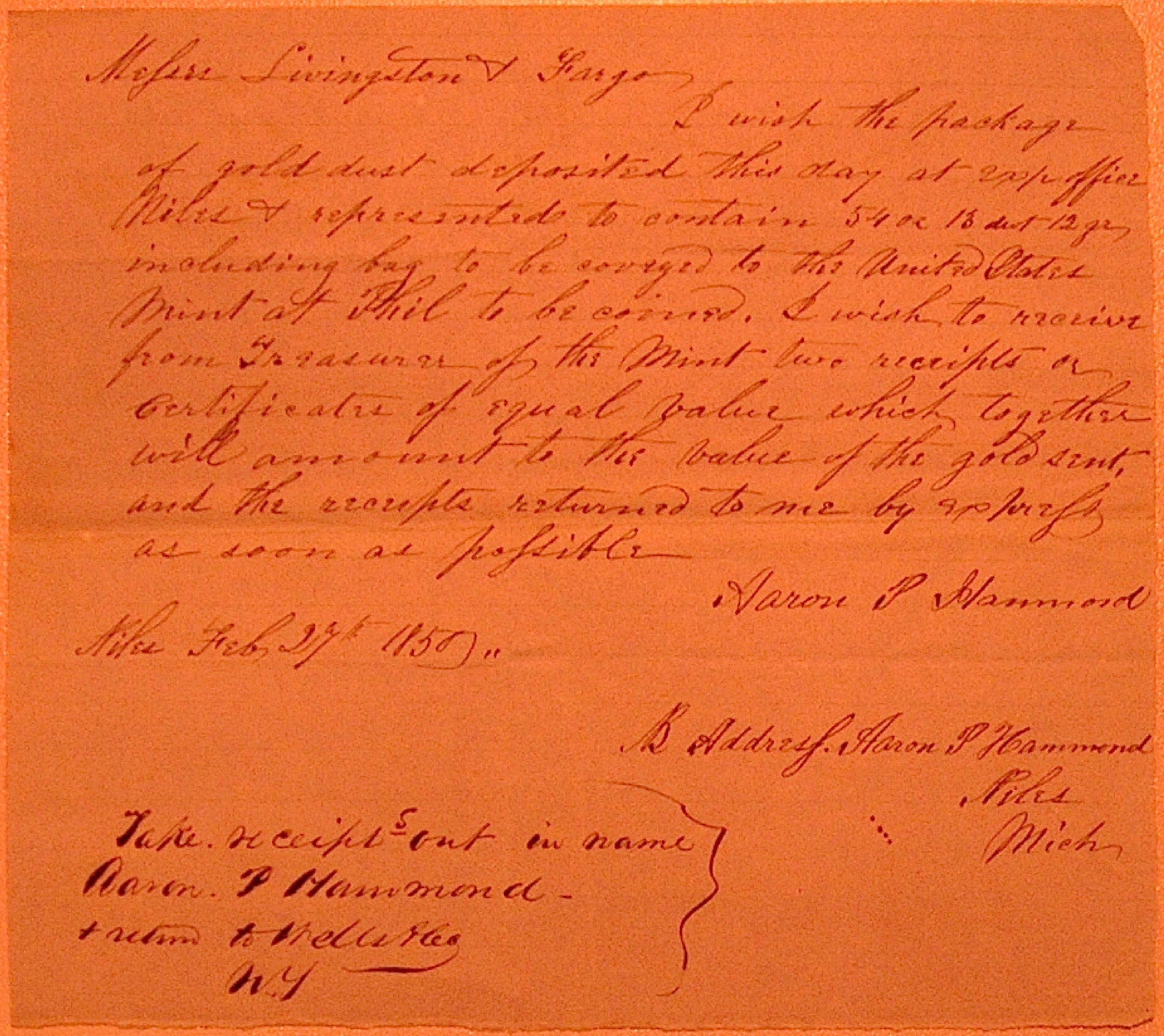
9130 1039

Philadelphia February 27th 1850

To the Honorable Mr Patterson
President of the Mint

I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing these few lines to you, the anxiety I feel about my family since my Husband lost his arm seeing we have nothing to depend but what that my Daughter and my self makes at the needle which is verry truffling, and the little he gets at the Museum for his services which is of no amount my Husband is verry unhappy seeing his situation he was always able to provide for his family before the accident happen he has been always used to work and he is verry much cast down at his situation if your Honor would be kind enough to give him some employment about the Mint such as Watchman or any thing that your Honor thinks him cappable of doing. you would confer an act of Charity on an unfortunate family and may the blessings of Heaven attend you and yours

Mary Siples



Meſsrs Livingston & Fargo

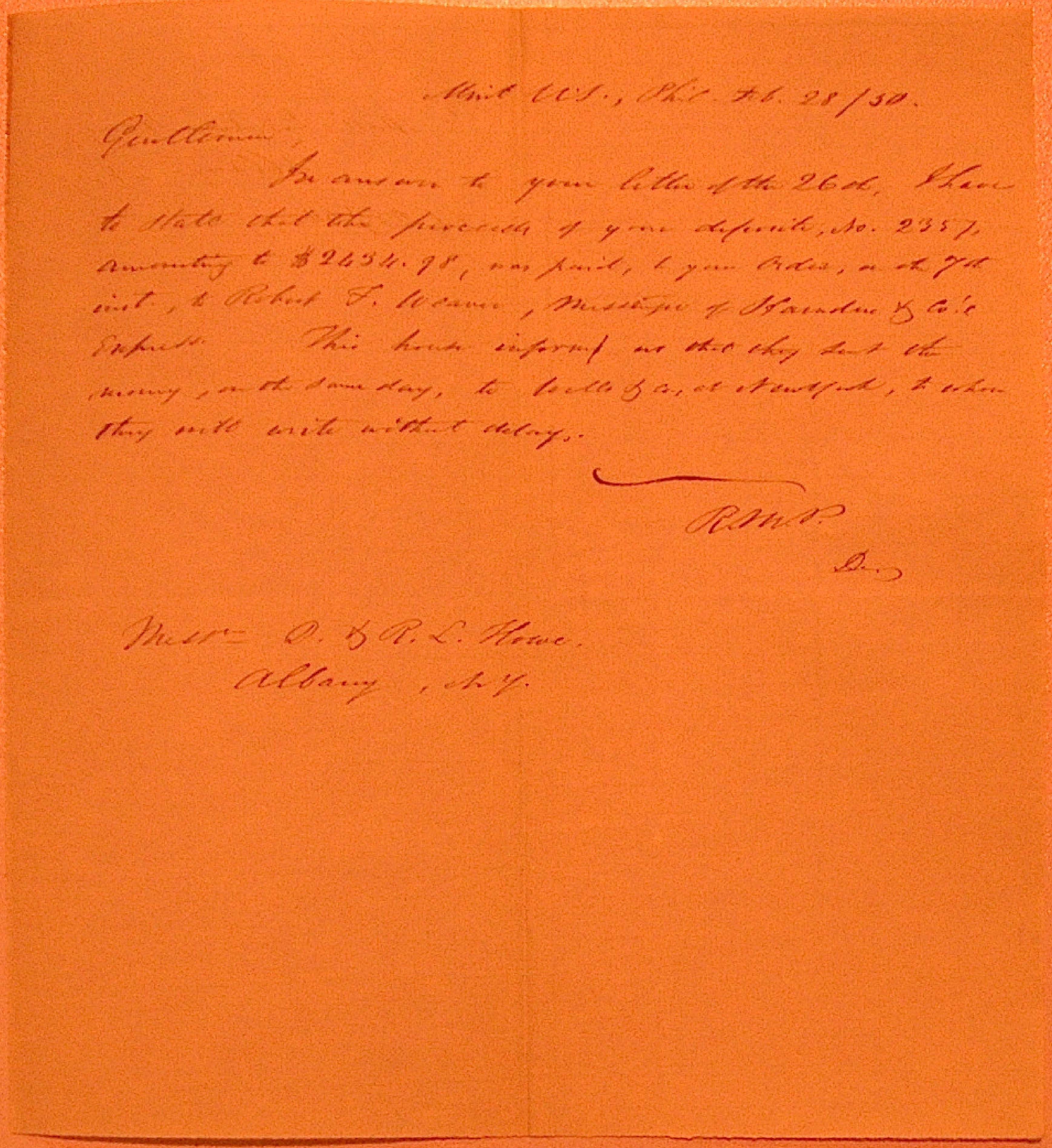
I wish the package of gold dust deposited this day at exp office Niles & represented to contain 54 oz 18 dwt 12 gr including bag to be conveyed to the United States Mint at Phil to be coined. I wish to receive from Treasurer of the Mint two receipts or certificates of equal value which together will amount to the value of the gold sent, and the receipts returned to me by expreſs as soon as poſsible

Aaron P Hammond

Niles Feb 27th 1850

P Addreſs Aaron P Hammond
Niles
Mich

Take receipts out in name
Aaron P Hammond -
& return to Wellsville
N.Y



Mint U.S., Phil. Feb. 28/50.

Gentlemen,

In answer to your letter of the 26th, I have to state that the proceeds of your deposit, No. 2357, amounting to $2434.98, was paid, to your order, on the 7th inst., to Robert T. Weaver, Messenger of Harnden & Co's Express. This house informs me that they sent the money, on the same day, to Wells & Co., at Hartford, to whom they will write without delay.

R.M.P.
Dir.

Messrs. O. & R. L. Howe.
Albany, N.Y.

Oak Forest Wayne Co Ky July 28th 1860

Dear Sir

I have taken the liberty of enclosing to you some metal and also a specimen of the Ore out of which the metal was smelted The metal was smelted by putting the Ore in to a Blacksmith's ~~shop~~ fire My object is to get you if you please to tell me what the metal is as we have no person who is capable of testing it There is a great plenty of it in this Cuntry My own opinion is that it is at least part Silver but what propation I cannot tell Or if it is an amalgmation of metals I cannot tell what kinds compose the mixture

I also send some of the drops in which you will find some particles of metal I do this because that which is in the drops may be different to the sollid peace

I hope you will atend to this although a stranger to you I have no doubt you have publick spirit enough to wish the development of the resorses of the country Should the metal be Silver from the examination already made there is no doubt but the Hills in this country abounds in the metal There has beane three or four mines opened but we do not know any thing about the process of Smelting or essaying If it would not be asking too mutch I would thank you kindly for information on the Subject to let me know or where I could get a Book that would give the necesary instructions

I would further remarke that the mines which has bean opened get richer the deeper they are opened —
I wish a line from you as soon as you can

with convenience give the information so that I may know whether to procede any further in the research If you desire it as soon as I can I will give you the result of the further developement of the matter

Pleas excuse the liberty I have taken
as it is the best chance I know
of for information

very respectfully yours
L. Scott

Mint U.S. Phil. 22 March 1853.

Sir,

In a letter of the 25th of Dec. last I ~~have~~ took occasion to express my views as to the causes of the delay in the preparation of the dies for the new coins ordered by Congress, ~~in relation to the steps indispensably necessary to secure an improvement in~~ and also as to the steps necessary both for the correction of that delay and for the gene- ~~the devices of our coins~~ ral improvement of the devices of our coins. Subsequently, ~~Later~~, at the suggestion of the department I recommended an a member of distinguished skill ~~individual of great merit~~ as compe- tent to fill the place of Engraver at the Mint.

Since that correspondence, a further reflection on the subject has (convinced me) impressed me with the conviction that the ~~greatest~~ improvement of our ~~best artists of the country~~ coinage ~~will~~ would be more perfectly, and more economically secured by the not abolishment of the office of Engraver at the Mint alto- gether. The grounds for this opinion I have now the honor to lay before you.

From ~~As to the period~~ of the establishment of the Mint until the year 1835, the Die-Sinker, or as he was less officially termed, the Engraver, of the Mint, prepared the dies by such processes as were known to ~~the incumbent~~ him for the time being; such as putting separate punches for the head on the obverse, the eagle, the ~~wreath~~ wreath, the beads of the border, and the lettering of the legend &c. &c., ~~sinking~~ being struck in those parts, separately and in detail. This mode ~~is~~ was very tedious, and has since been found to be not only an unnecessary labor, and it was emphatically defective, inasmuch as no two dies could be made fac-similes of each other by such a process, even when executed by the most skillful hands. In fact the duties of the office at the above period, could not be performed by one ~~assistant~~ person, with the imperfect methods then known, and an assistant had become necessary and was employed in this establishment. ~~[illegible]~~

In the progress of ~~mechanical~~ invention ~~the~~ a whole mode of procedure in the manufacture of dies has been changed since that time and the process has become almost entirely mechanical. A brief explanation may perhaps render ~~this~~ the actual process sufficiently clear.

In the manufacture of dies there are two distinct cases which may ~~arise~~ be presented. The first is when ~~[upon a change in the devices, or upon any change in the coin the introduction of a new coin]~~ a new device for the coin has become necessary. The second, is when ~~it should become~~ ~~dies~~ it is required to reproduce dies ~~from~~ in imitation of others already in adopted use. This latter ~~last~~ case, or the reproduction of dies, is by far the most common, ~~and~~ being ~~necessary~~ required whenever it is necessary to ~~in the production of dies~~ replace the dies which may be destroyed in the process of coinage, or which may become out of date. The construction of dies with new devices is in the nature

of things of but rare occurrence.

~~Supposing~~ For the reproduction of a die already constructed the first ~~only~~ process necessary is to procure a copy of the same in relief, the die itself being ~~sunk~~ depressed, or sunk below the surface. To procure this copy in relief ~~[illegible]~~ we ~~place~~ put a suitably shaped piece ~~cylindrical block~~ of soft steel on the die and strike it ~~with a hammer~~ by heavy blows, till ~~the~~ an impression ~~in relief~~, similar ~~to~~ to that ~~in the die~~ on a coin is produced. This accurate copy (called a hub) is then hardened, and ~~[illegible]~~ forms a punch, by which all ~~the~~ the dies required may be procured, by ~~[illegible]~~ striking in soft steel as already explained. ~~In all~~ This process is ~~[illegible] or~~ purely ~~nothing of great~~ mechanical skill ~~is required, nor are the dies~~ ~~[illegible] further necessary than to insert dates and correct any little irregularities in the hubs~~, a ~~[illegible]~~ ~~the engraving~~ and rarely. ~~Both in the British and French Mints,~~ nor in our own is the work performed by the Engraver ~~[illegible]~~. The reproduction of dies at present is in fact effected by one of our workmen ~~of the Mint~~ ~~the foreman of the machinery shop~~, under the supervision ~~superintendence~~ of the Chief Coiner.

~~Such is the process required for the reproduct~~

Such is the process required in copying ~~[illegible]~~ a die already constructed.

In the rare case of the manufacture of an entirely new die, ~~from~~ arising from ~~some changes~~ the introduction of a new coin or a change in the devices of the old one, the assistance of the highest style of art is required but it is not entirely, or principally, that of the die sinker. This will be apparent from the following explanation.

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A satisfactory ~~device~~ design for the coin (or medal) having been agreed upon, the first step is to make a wax model [illegible] of the same in relief, and of large size. On this model and the design for it, all the skill of the artist is exhausted. ~~When this is completed a~~ of which a cast is made, ~~model~~ first in plaster, and subsequently in metal. ~~This~~ The metal reduced model is then placed in a machine which by the aid of steam, or other power, and with scarcely any supervision, produces of the size required and an ~~a die which is the~~ absolute fac-simile of the model. ~~A few touches from the artist~~ The die sinker then perfects the details of the work, and for this purpose a skillful artist is required. From the die so prepared, technically termed matrix, copies or working dies are produced in the manner before explained.

From the foregoing explanation it appears that ~~in~~ for the reproduction of dies an Engraver of the Mint is not ~~required~~ necessary, and that the construction of original dies is of very rare occurrence ~~when the occasions for the birth of the medallion~~ and ~~requires~~ demands the talents ~~manufacture~~ of modeler & the die sinker. I have great doubts whether a ~~Is a~~ permanent office is needed ~~required~~ to meet ~~an~~ occasional exigency? ~~Or would it not be best to engage the temporary services of such artists as may be best fitted to accomplish the work. I confess that the latter seem appears to me the most advisable. Still~~ It appears to me that the ~~competition of artists would is required to secure the highest talent~~ greatest to secure perfection in ~~our~~ the devices of our coin we should ~~admit~~ invite ~~of~~ extended competition among ~~our~~ artists, at least in the presentation of medallions, and that the temporary services of the most distinguished die sinker should be engaged in the execution of the matrices. I do not at present, however, propose any ~~distinct~~ permanent ~~an~~ arrangement based upon this view but now simply renew the recommendation before made, that if a vacancy is proposed in the Off. of Eng. of the Mint it be left unfilled. [I can see no inconveniences which would result from

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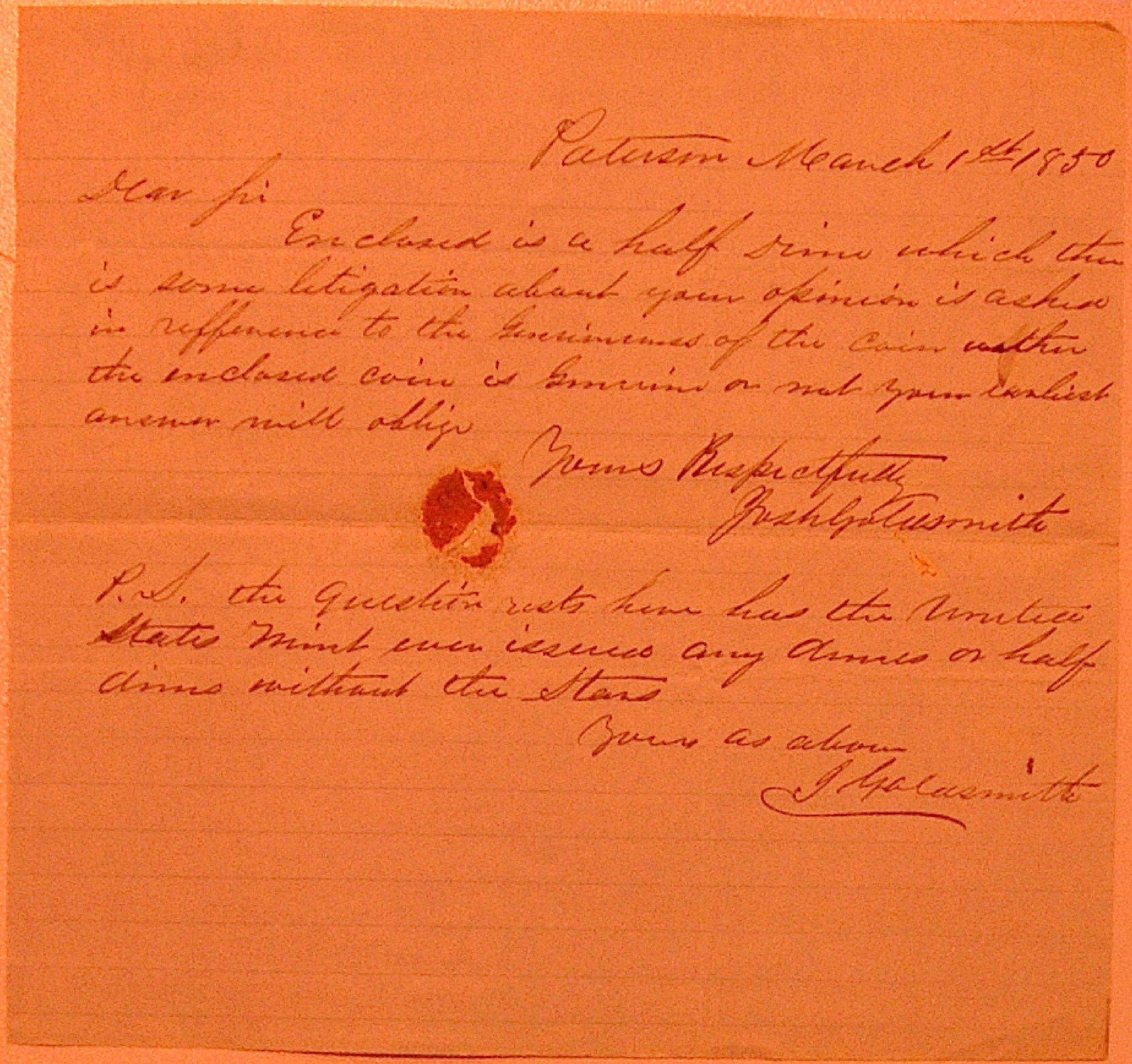
[When the construction of a new Mother Die, or Matrix, is required, the highest talent should be resorted to for making the designs, and to secure success, it would seem ~~most~~ proper to admit of extended competition, at least for the medallions.]

~~From the considerations now presented it is evident that the office of Engraver of the Mint.~~

The necessity for a new device, or matrix die being of rare occurrence, and when it does arise, demanding for the work the very highest ~~artistic~~ skill ~~talent~~, it would seem ~~important~~ proper to throw open the doors of Competition to ~~the~~ our most distinguished artists



Paterson March 1st 1850

Dear Sir

Enclosed is a half dime which there is some litigation about your opinion is asked in refference to the Genuineness of the coin wether the enclosed coin is Genuine or not your earliest answer will oblige

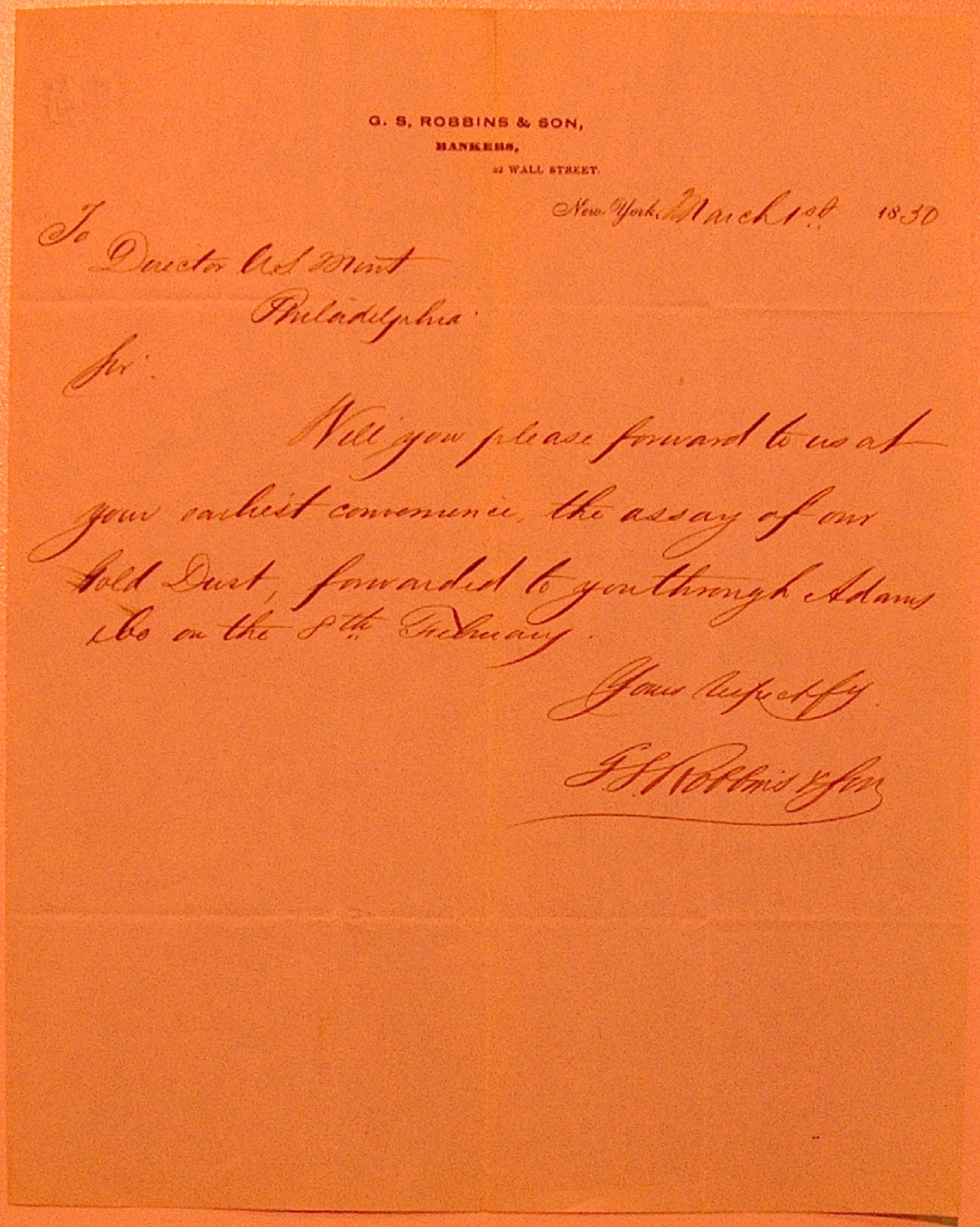
Yours Respectfully

Joseph Goldsmith

P.S. the Question rests here has the United States Mint ever issued any dimes or half dimes without the Stars

Yours as above

J. Goldsmith

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
[illegible] WALL STREET.

New York, March 1st 1850

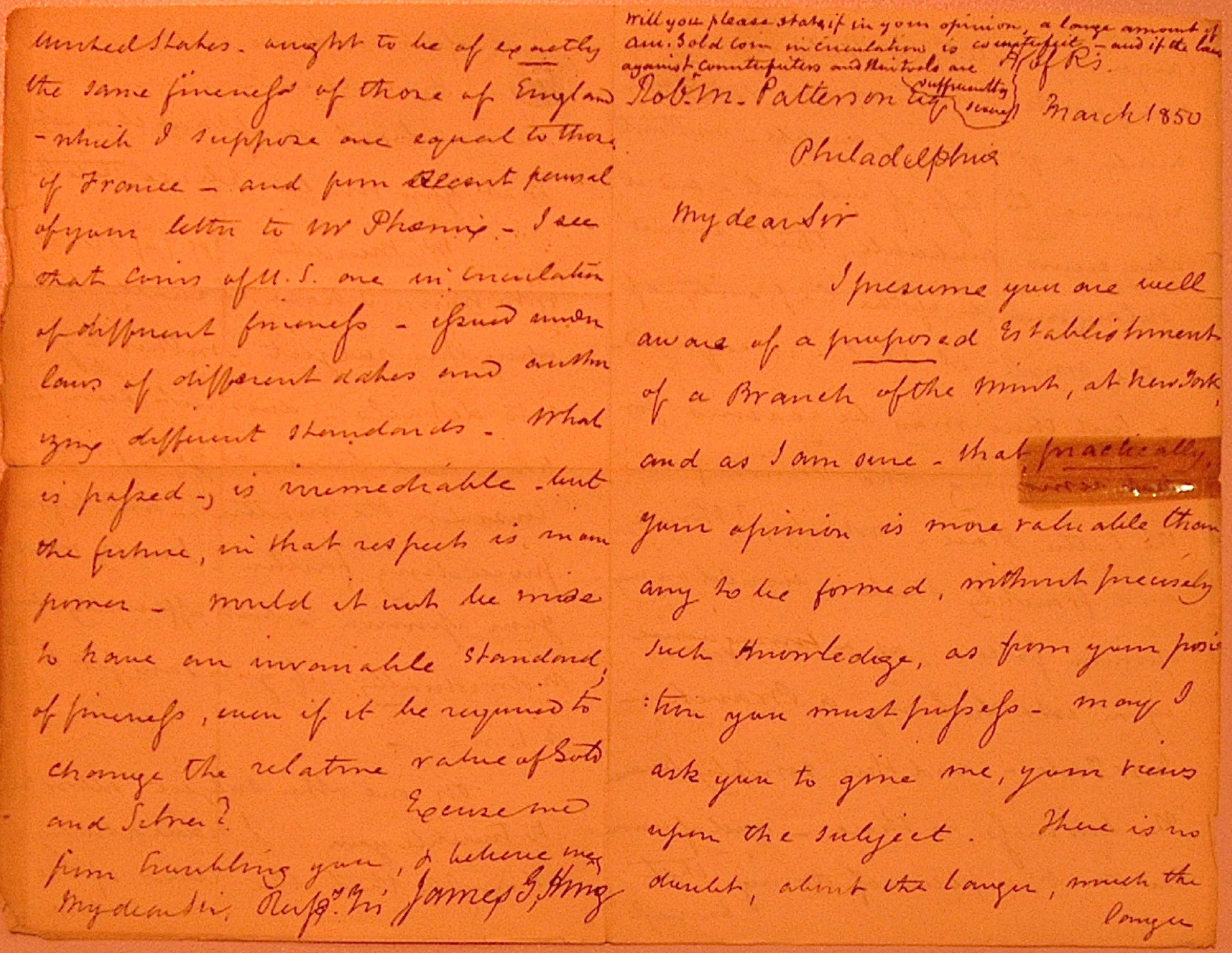
To
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

Will you please forward to us at your earliest convenience, the assay of our Gold Dust, forwarded to you through Adams & Co on the 8th February.

Yours respectfully

G. S. Robbins & Son



Will you please state if in your opinion, a large amount of Am. Gold coin in circulation is counterfeit - and if the laws against counterfeiters and their tools are sufficiently severe J. G. K.

Rob. M. Patterson Esq March 1850

Philadelphia

My dear Sir

I presume you are well aware of a proposed Establishment of a Branch of the Mint, at New York, and as I am one - that practically [illegible] your opinion is more valuable than any to be formed, without precisely such knowledge, as from your position you must possess - may I ask you to give me, your views upon the subject. There is no doubt, about the Larger, much the Larger

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United States - ought to be of exactly the same fineness of those of England - which I suppose are equal to those of France - and from a recent perusal of your letter to Mr Phoenix - I see that coins of U. S. are in circulation of different fineness - issued under laws of different dates and authorizing different standards. What is passed -, is irremediable - but the future, in that respect is in our power - would it not be wise to have an invariable standard, of fineness, even if it be required to change the relative value of Gold and Silver? Excuse me from troubling you, & believe me

My dear Sir, Resp'y Yrs James G. King

larger, quantity of Bullion, being sent from N. York – at an expense of nearly a quarter of one pr ct – without reference to loss of interest – and it also seems probable, that some enlargement of the Capacity of the Mint at Philª – is required – but there may be reasons for not removing the Mint from the latter Place – which, I think, and frankly state – would in my opinion follow, as a consequence upon establishing a Branch in New York – and this simply because the business is there – and of course the Mint or place of doing that business, should also be there – and if you know of such reasons – which are not local or of that character, that you would please state them

Mr. Meredith, Secy of Treasy with whom I have casually talked upon this subject – without going into details – does not seem to have had time, as yet, fully to consider the matter – and before proceeding farther – I really wanted your opinion – not officially – but individually, if you saw fit to give it to me. –

On one other subject, allow me to trouble you. I have always thought that the Coins of the United

New London Conn
March 2nd 1850

Sir

I have become the possessor of Mint Certificate No 1131 which is accompanied by a "Memorandum" stating that it is worth $1348.74.

Will you please to inform me when I can be paid the above amount, and if interest is allowed after the value is ascertained & call has been made for it

I am very respectfully
Your Most Obedt
Wm C. Avery

To Treas U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

New York March 2d 1850

Robt Patterson Esq

Director Clerk U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We have Some Gold Dust deposited in the Mint for Coinage under Certificate Nos 564 to 569. we shall be much pleased to know when it will be ready for delivery and if you will notify us when it is ready

Yours Respectfully

Jones & Johnson

Mint of the U.S. Philᵃ March 2, 1850

Dear Sir,

~~Having lately addressed~~

At the request of the Hon. Mr. Chandler, I have lately addressed to him a long communication on the subject of the proposed New York Branch Mint. As the most satisfactory answer which I can give to your letter on the same subject received this morning, I have today written to that gentleman, asking him to give you an opportunity of perusing that communication. I would send you a copy of it at once, but the original draft is not now in my possession. Should you fail, however, in receiving it from Mr. Chandler, I will thank you to let me know, and a copy will be forwarded.

~~My conclusion at which I arrived in the letter referred to~~ I may here state summarily, that I cannot see sufficient ~~I am of opinion that there is no sufficient~~ grounds for the establishment of the New York Mint. Were the present institution not already organized in this city, no doubt ~~there~~ the preference should be given to New York ~~for nothing but more imperative reasons than those I have just now stated [illegible]~~. But Philadᵃ now has the Mint, — a noble institution, perfectly organized, and capable of executing more business than ~~the whole U.S.~~ is ever likely to be required. The Govᵗ has invested in it immense sums. To ~~sub~~ authorize the sacrifice of ~~all this~~ it, — to decree that it shall be dismantled, (for you are candid enough to acknowledge that this will be the result,) — could only be justified by imperative reasons of public policy.

The reasons suggested by you are, the loss to New York in the transport of bullion and in interest.

The loss from transportation charges is after all but trifling, ~~amounting~~ probably not exceeding ~~$[illegible]~~ 48,000. The ~~charges and loss~~ freight on gold is between N.Y. & Phil.a is 37½ cents per thousand dollars worth, in silver $1.– Let us assume that $7,000,000 gold & $1,500,000 silver are ~~[illegible]~~ likely to be sent to this Mint on New York account. The charge would be $4,125, supposing the greater part to be returned, the freight charges might reach $8,000.–

The loss of interest beyond what a Philad.a depositor is subject to, is for the time required in transportation between the two cities, say two days. On the sum of $8,500,000 ~~on the amount~~ this would give a loss of some $2,800.

~~To meet this~~ These facts, it appears to me, show that a sufficient case ~~to convict~~ that evil of hardship has not as yet been presented to merit ~~I cannot think~~ the proposed changes. Whatever of inconvenience, however, is felt ~~[illegible]~~ from the present location of the Mint may be readily corrected by a much more economical plan than the establishment of a new ~~Mint~~ one. To this plan I have referred in my letter to Mr. Chandler, and need not now enlarge upon it fully. It provides for the appointment of a Mint Agent in New York, who shall receive all deposits of bullion in that city, and pay the value on the return of the Assay from Phil.a By this plan the government assumes all expense & risk, and the convenience to New York would be as ample as any Mint could ensure. ~~The mere manufacture of coin could be considered as~~ the manufactory of the coin could remain where it is now established.

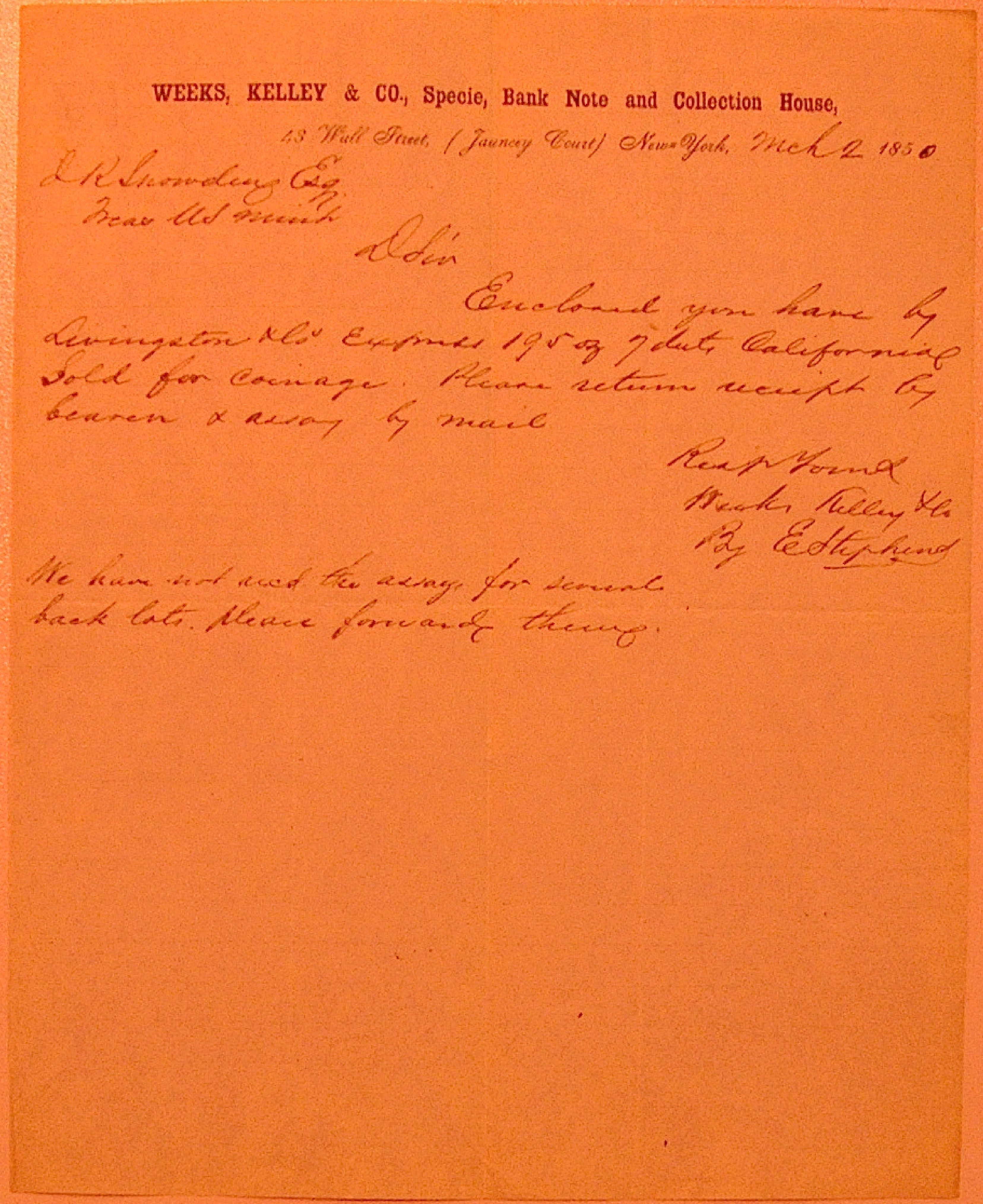
In considering this subject one fact should be borne in mind, which the Mint in Philad.a is ~~entirely competent~~ or at trifling expense can be made, entirely competent to any coinage which ~~may be~~ the country may require. We have, it is true, for some months past been ~~attacked~~ tasked beyond our power; but the ~~reason~~ causes arose from the unprecedented and unanticipated influx of a kind of bullion which had before been rarely presented at the Mint, and for the manufacture of which we were under greatly unprepared. The requisite changes in our apparatus are such as are believed now sufficient both to keep pace with our deposits, and bring up all arrears; should we be disappointed in this expectation, ~~the only [illegible]~~ the end can certainly be attained by the expenditure of a few more thousand dollars.

~~In reference to the other subject touched upon in your letter, namely~~ You have also called my attention to the the proposal of so altering our standards as to give our coins "exactly the same fineness as those of England, which (you suppose) are equal to those of France". Our present standard (900/1000ths pure gold) is already the same as that of France. ~~It is far more convenient than~~ That of England is (by law) 916⅔/1000 by law 916⅔ thousandths in the gold coins, and 925 thousandths in the silver. On assay, ~~their fineness~~ of the gold is but 915½ thousandths. The British standard is very inconvenient, and not likely to be followed as a precedent. That which we have adopted is already in use by France, Belgium, Rome, ~~Spain~~ and in the late gold coinage of Spain and New Granada. It is also the ~~standard~~ effective standard of the Mexican & Spanish dollars and of much of the coinage of North Germany ~~nearly approximates to this~~. It is the most simple, and, upon every consideration, the most suitable; and should any standard ever become universal I believe it will be this.

In respect to the prevalence of counterfeits among the gold coins of the U.S. you may find all necessary information in a little work on "New ~~Coins~~ Varieties of Coins, Counterfeits & Bullion", just issued by our Assayers, and which I have the pleasure of sending to you ~~all the facts known~~ to us, and all) the important particulars set forth. ~~There is certainly a very dangerous class of counterfeits of U.S. gold abroad, but the conclusion is there drawn, from various considerations, that the amount cannot be very great, and that by the vigilance of banks, brokers, & treasurers of government, that currency is likely to be kept quite or nearly pure".~~

Hon. James G. King,
H.R.
Washington.

R. M. P.



WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Mch 2 1850

D R Snowden Esq
Treas US Mint

D Sir

Enclosed you have by Livingston & Co's Express 195 oz 7 dwts California Gold for coinage. Please return receipt by bearer & assay by mail

Respy Yours
Weeks Kelley & Co
By E Stephens

We have not recd the assays for several back lots. Please forward them.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

2d March 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R Snowden Esqr

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

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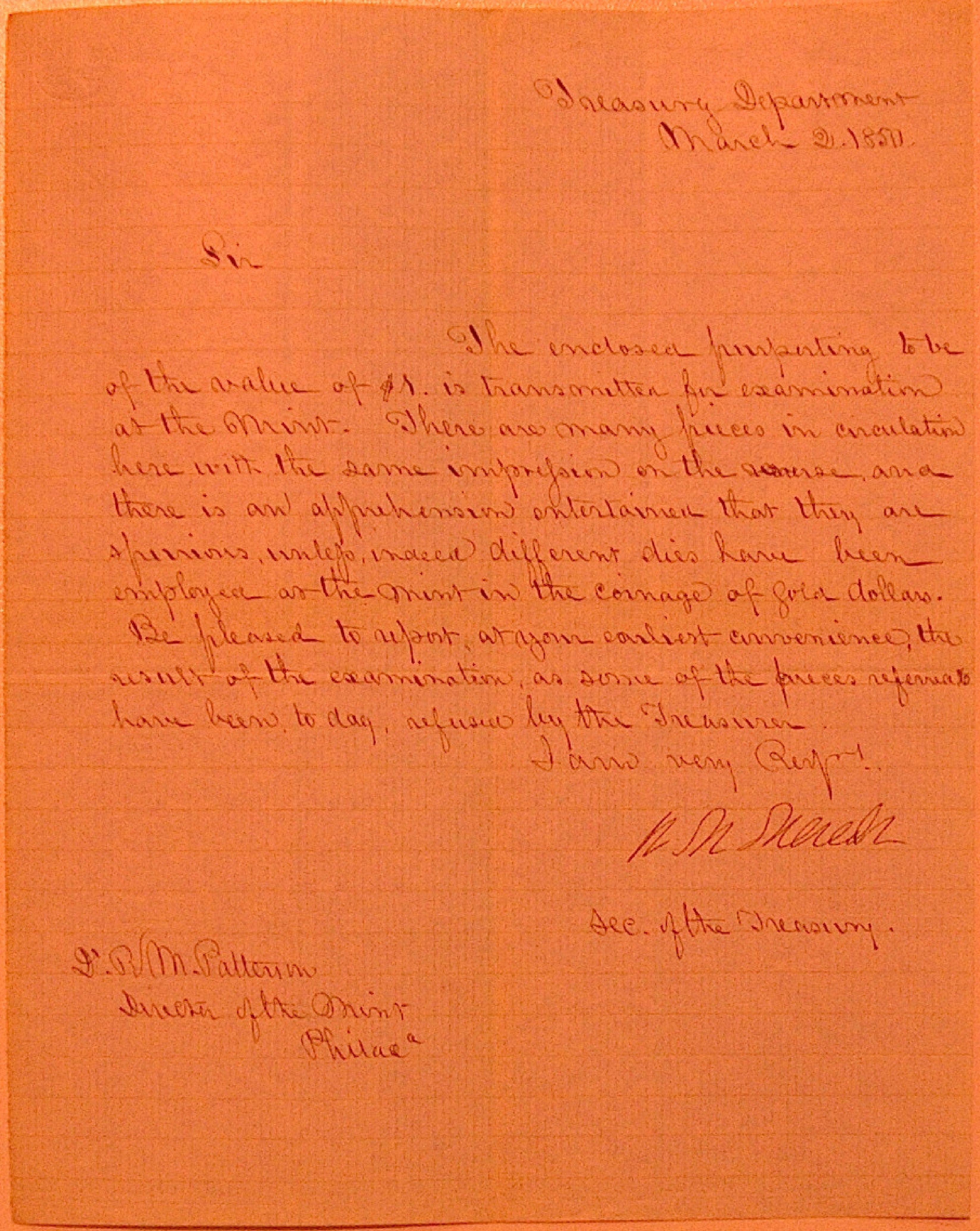


Treasury Department
March 2. 1850.

Sir

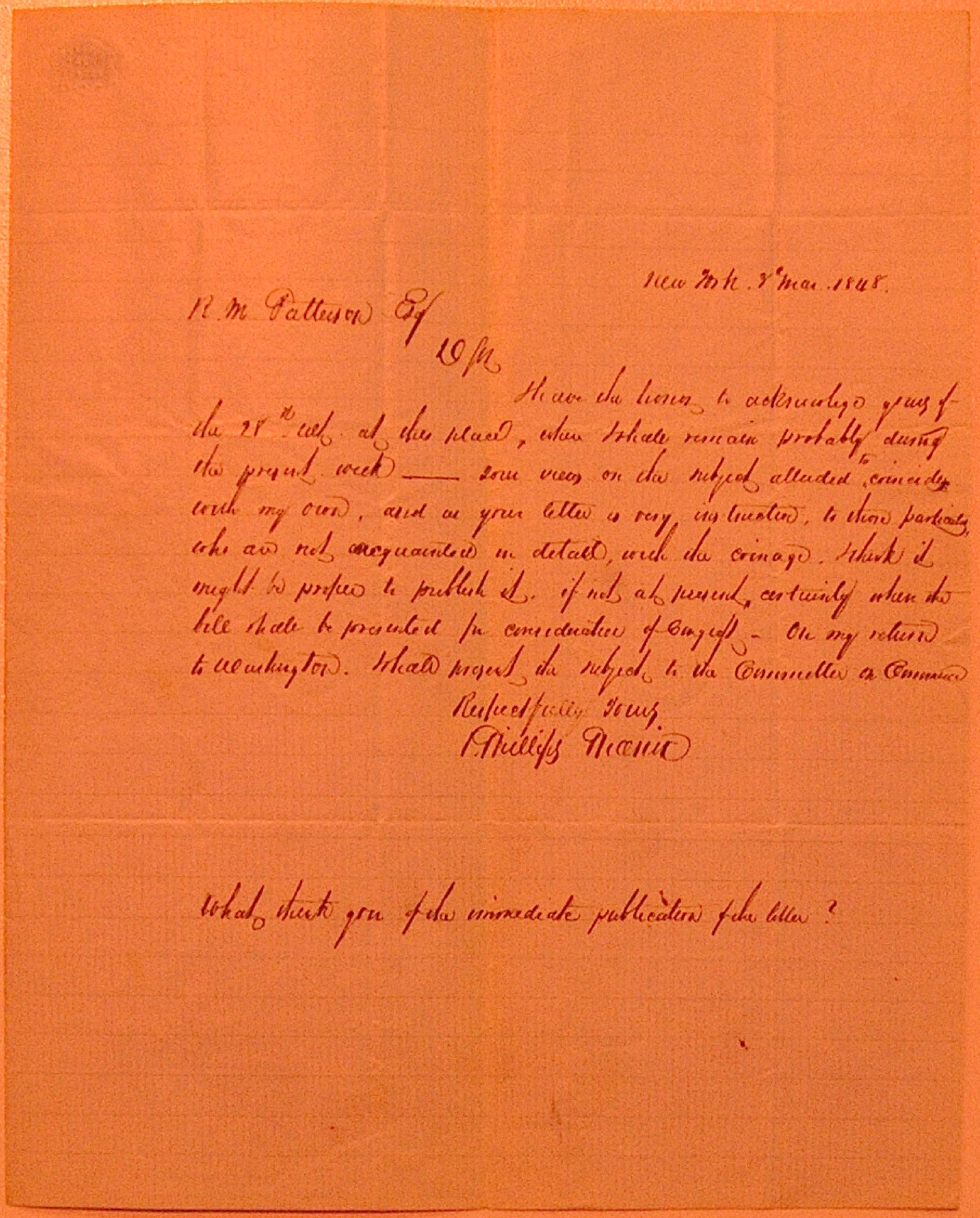
The enclosed purporting to be of the value of $1. is transmitted for examination at the Mint. There are many pieces in circulation here with the same impression on the reverse, and there is an apprehension entertained that they are spurious, unless, indeed different dies have been employed at the Mint in the coinage of gold dollars. Be pleased to report, at your earliest convenience, the result of the examination, as some of the pieces referred to have been, to day, refused by the Treasurer.

I am very Resp^y.

W. M. Meredith

Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Phila^a



New York. 8th Mar. 1848.

R. M. Patterson Esq

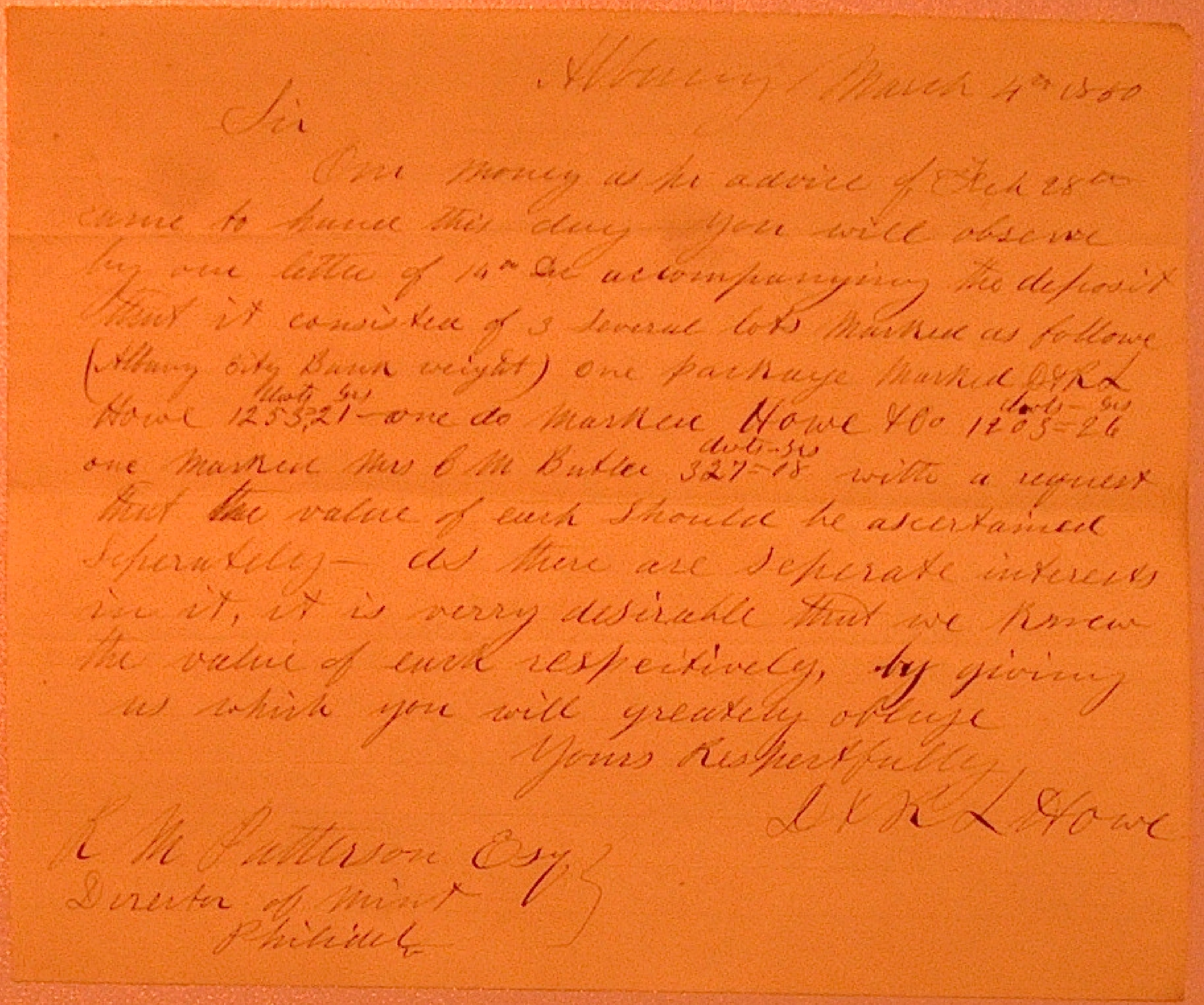
Dr Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge yours of the 28th ult. at this place, where I shall remain probably during the present week —— Your views on the subject alluded to coincide with my own, and as your letter is very instructive, to those particularly who are not acquainted in detail with the coinage. I think it might be proper to publish it. if not at present, certainly when the bill shall be presented for consideration of Congress – On my return to Washington. I shall present the subject to the Committee on Commerce

Respectfully Yours

J. Phillips Phœnix

What think you of the immediate publication of the letter?



Albany March 4th 1850

Sir

Our money as per advice of Feb 28th came to hand this day you will observe by our letter of 14th Inst accompanying the deposit that it consisted of 3 several lots Marked as follows (Albany City Bank weight) one package Marked J & R L Howe $\overset{\text{dwts grs}}{1253.21}$ one do Marked Howe & Co $\overset{\text{dwts grs}}{1203=26}$ one Marked Mrs C M Butler $\overset{\text{dwts grs}}{327=18}$ with a request that the value of each Should be ascertained Seperately— As there are Seperate interests in it, it is verry desirable that we Know the value of each respectively, by giving us which you will greatly oblige

Yours Respectfully

J & R L Howe

R M Patterson Esqr
Director of Mint
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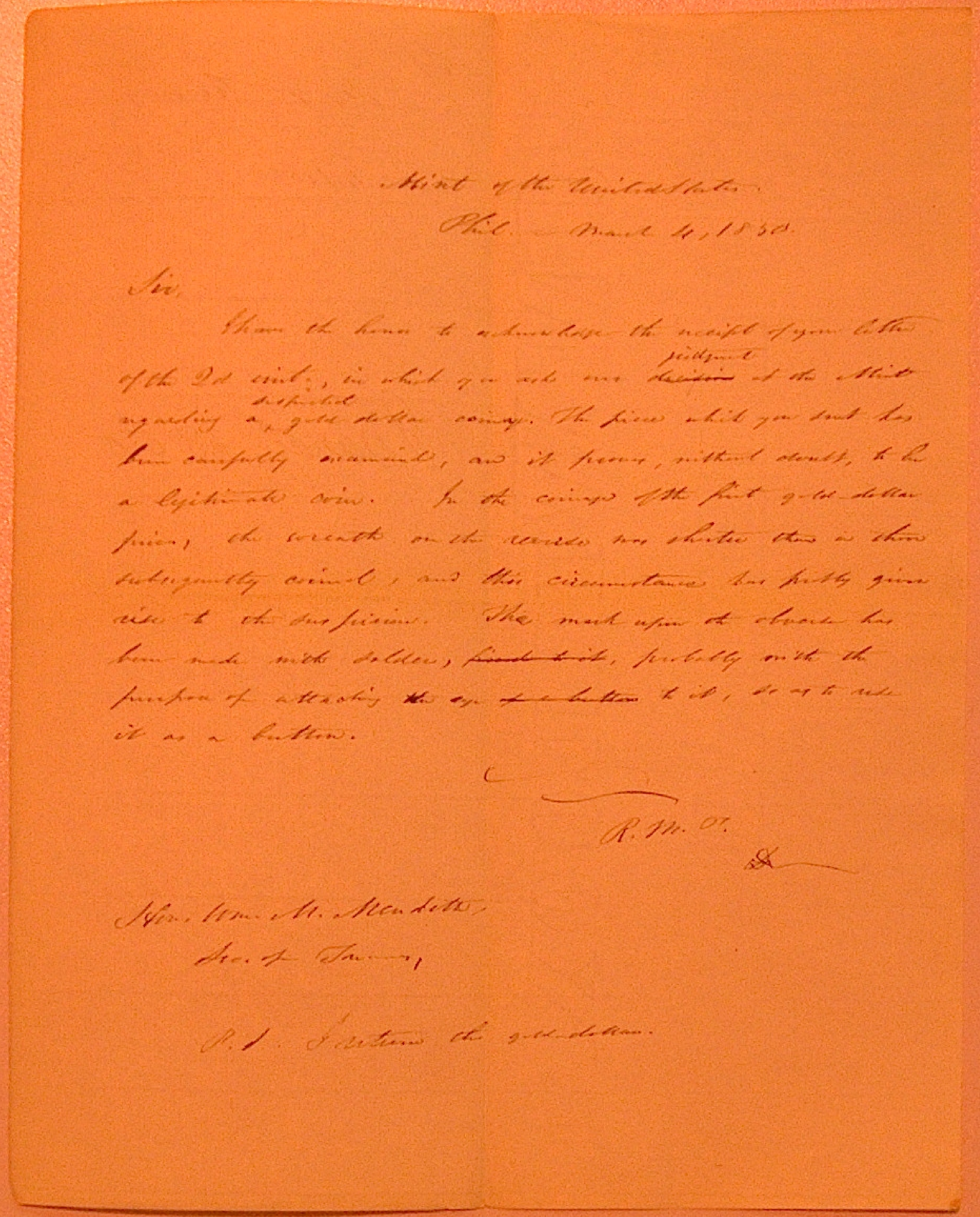


Mint of the United States
Phil. — March 4, 1850

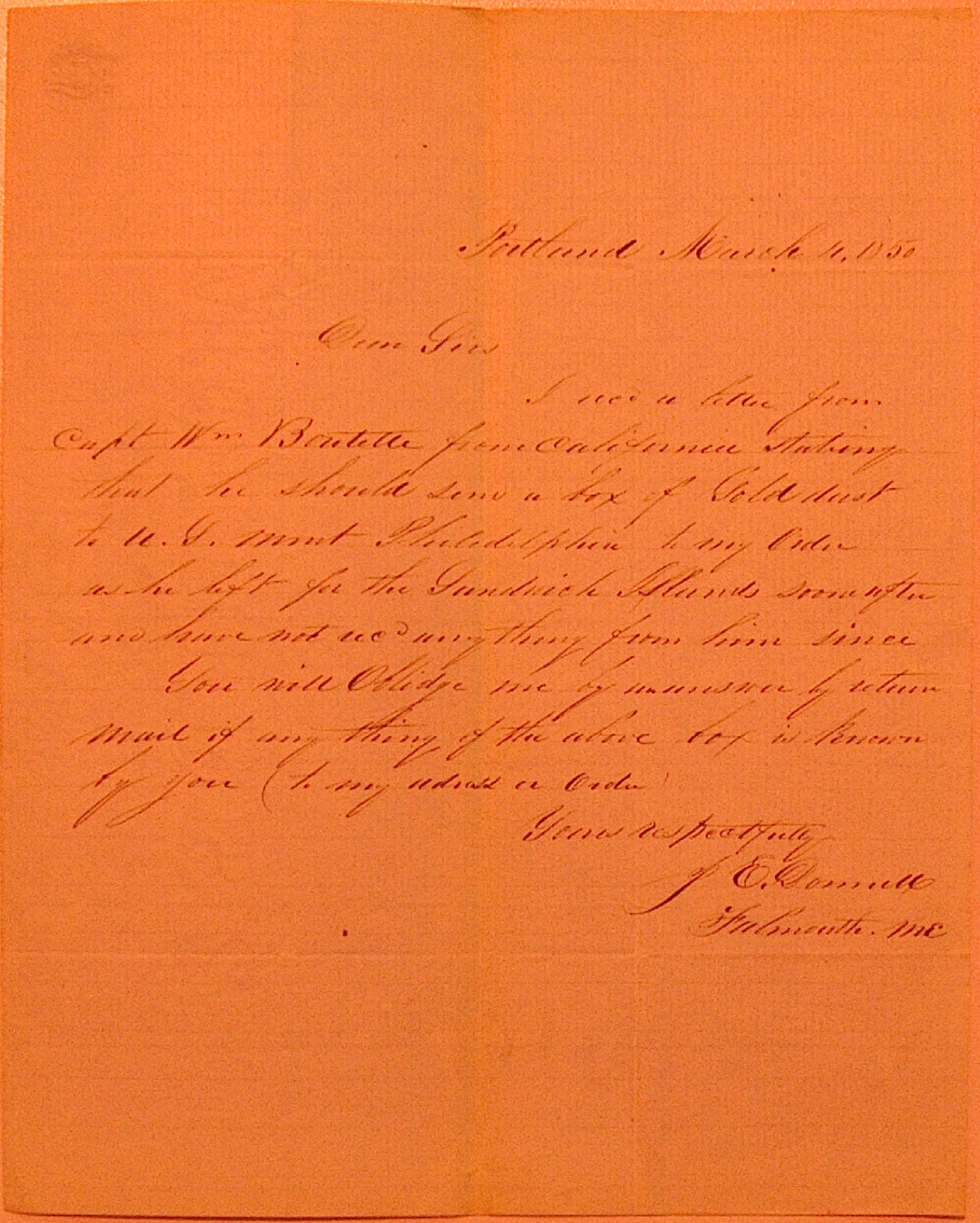
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d inst., in which you ask our ~~decision~~ judgment at the Mint regarding a suspected gold dollar coin. The piece which you sent has been carefully examined, and it proves, without doubt, to be a legitimate coin. In the coinage of the first gold dollar pieces, the wreath on the reverse was shorter than in those subsequently coined; and this circumstance has probably given rise to the suspicion. The mark upon the obverse has been made with solder, ~~fused to it~~, probably with the purpose of attaching ~~the~~ an eye ~~of a button~~ to it, so as to use it as a button.

R. M. P.

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Sec. of Treasury,

P.S. I return the gold dollar.



Portland March 4, 1850

Dear Sirs

I rec a letter from Capt Wm Boutelle from California Stating that he should send a box of Gold dust to U.S. Mint Philadelphia to my Order as he left for the Sandwich Islands soon after and have not recd anything from him since

You will Oblige me by an answer by return mail if anything of the above box is known by you (to my address or Order)

Yours respectfully

J. E. Donnell
Falmouth. Me

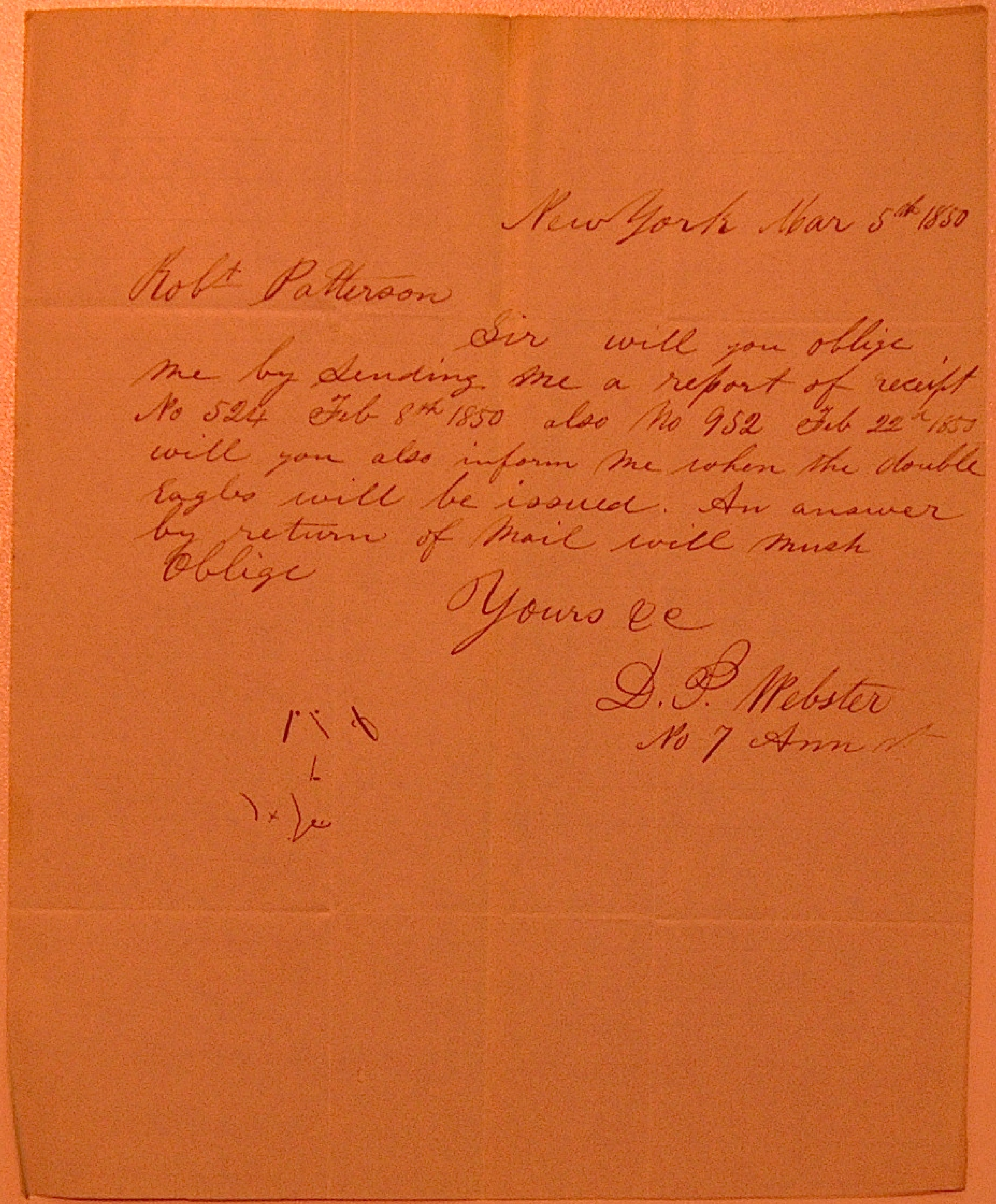
Washington D.C.
5 March 1850

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Phila.

Dear Sir

I duly received your favor of 2 inst., together with the little Manual – you were so good as to send me. I am much obliged by your valuable remarks – which command my respectful attention and I value the information which you give me. I will at an early day – confer with Mr. Chandler – upon the subject generally, and particularly in regard to a "Mint agency" in New York. The expediency of such a provision would much depend – upon probable cost of removing to New York, of the Machinery of the Mint, – presuming the building and land – would sell in Phila. – for about as much as a new site would cost in New York. This you will observe, is alluded to, merely to get at all the facts – upon which, the proper determination of this question will rest – which it is quite evident, is not, and ought not, to be, summarily disposed of.

I am Dear Sir, with sincere respt. Yo. ob. Servt,
James G. King



New York Mar 5th 1850

Robt Patterson

Sir will you oblige me by sending me a report of receipt No 524 Feb 8th 1850 also No 952 Feb 22d 1850 will you also inform me when the double eagles will be issued. An answer by return of Mail will much Oblige

Yours &c

D. P. Webster
No 7 Ann St

In the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for the Eastern District

John Andrew Leſsig
v
Patrick M Langton } of March Term 1850 No 2 In Equity

And now 6th March 1850 By Bell. J

Motion denied and injunction refused.

From the Record

Witneſs my hand and the
seal of the said Supreme Court
at Philadelphia, this sixth day
of March A.D. 1850

J Simon Cohen
Prothy

Three mile Bay Jefferson County, State of New York. 6th March 1851

To Sir,

I wish you would have the kindness to inform me whether a gentleman by the name of William H Agnew has deposited Gold or Gold dust at the United States Mint at any time since the 24th day of January last and if he left the name of the place of his residence - You will confer a very great favour on me and my distressed family by an immediate reply - The clothing of a son of mine who is supposed to have died on the Pacific Ocean on his way home from California were deposited in the City of New York on the 24th day of January last by a gentleman who gave his name W. H. Agnew - no Letter or intimation of how, when or where my sons clothing & separation from him accompanied the same - My object in writing to you is to learn if possible the place of residence of Mr. Agnew so as to write to him and obtain from him some information about my lost child - It is supposed that Mr. Agnew had a considerable amount of Gold or Gold dust and that he may have deposited it at the Mint to be coined and that his residence is in the State of Virginia - I hope that you will have compassion upon me & my family and give me your reply immediately

Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt. Wm. Carlisle

Esqr. Director U. S. Mint

Ans'd no such deposits, but the name had according to Mr. Negus' recollection been upon some of the bags, & he probably sold to another. Refer to the Steamship agents.

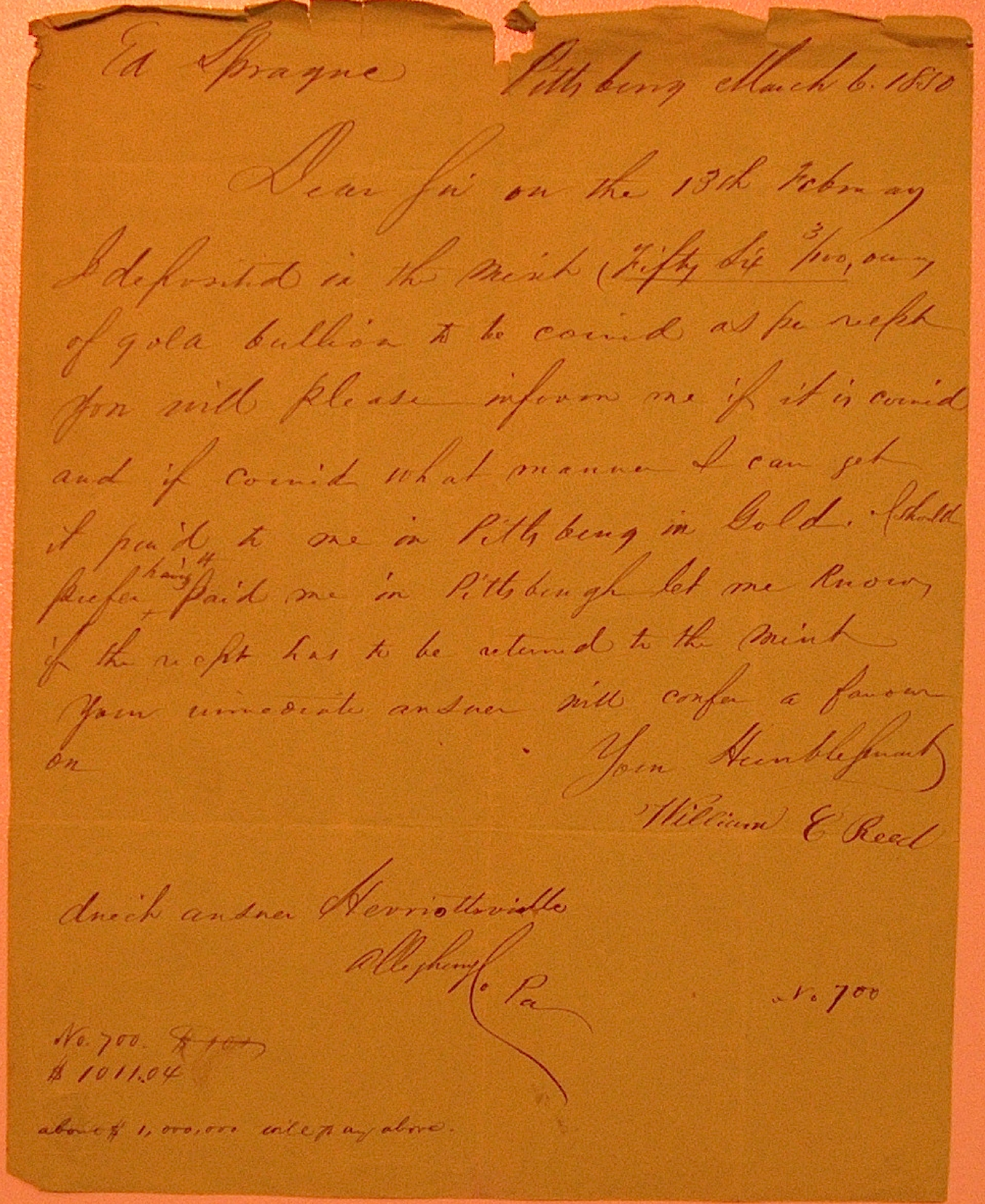
Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, March 6, 1850

Dr. Sir,

Your letter of the 3d inst. was ~~not~~ received by ~~till~~ me this morning. I am gratified to find that we coincide in our views on the subject of our former correspondence. ~~You ask me what I would think of an immediate publication of the letter, and I~~ You propose that my letter should be published immediately; but there is ~~an difficult~~ a circumstance which makes this now objectionable. I had letters from the Hon. Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Duer, which required answers very similar to yours, and the greater part of your letter was accordingly sent to them. Now although they knew this, ~~fact~~ it would perhaps be indelicate to have the letter printed without their being consulted. On your return to Washington, and when a bill shall be presented, ~~you~~ I presume that the letter may be published with propriety.

R.M.P.

Hon. J. Phillips Phoenix.
M.C.



Ed Sprague Pittsburg March 6. 1850

Dear Sir on the 13th February I deposited in the Mint (Fifty six 3/100 ounces of gold bullion to be coind as per recpt you will please inform me if it is coind and if coind what manner I can get it paid to me in Pittsburg in Gold. I should prefer having it paid me in Pittsburgh let me know if the recpt has to be returned to the Mint Your immediate answer will confer a favour on

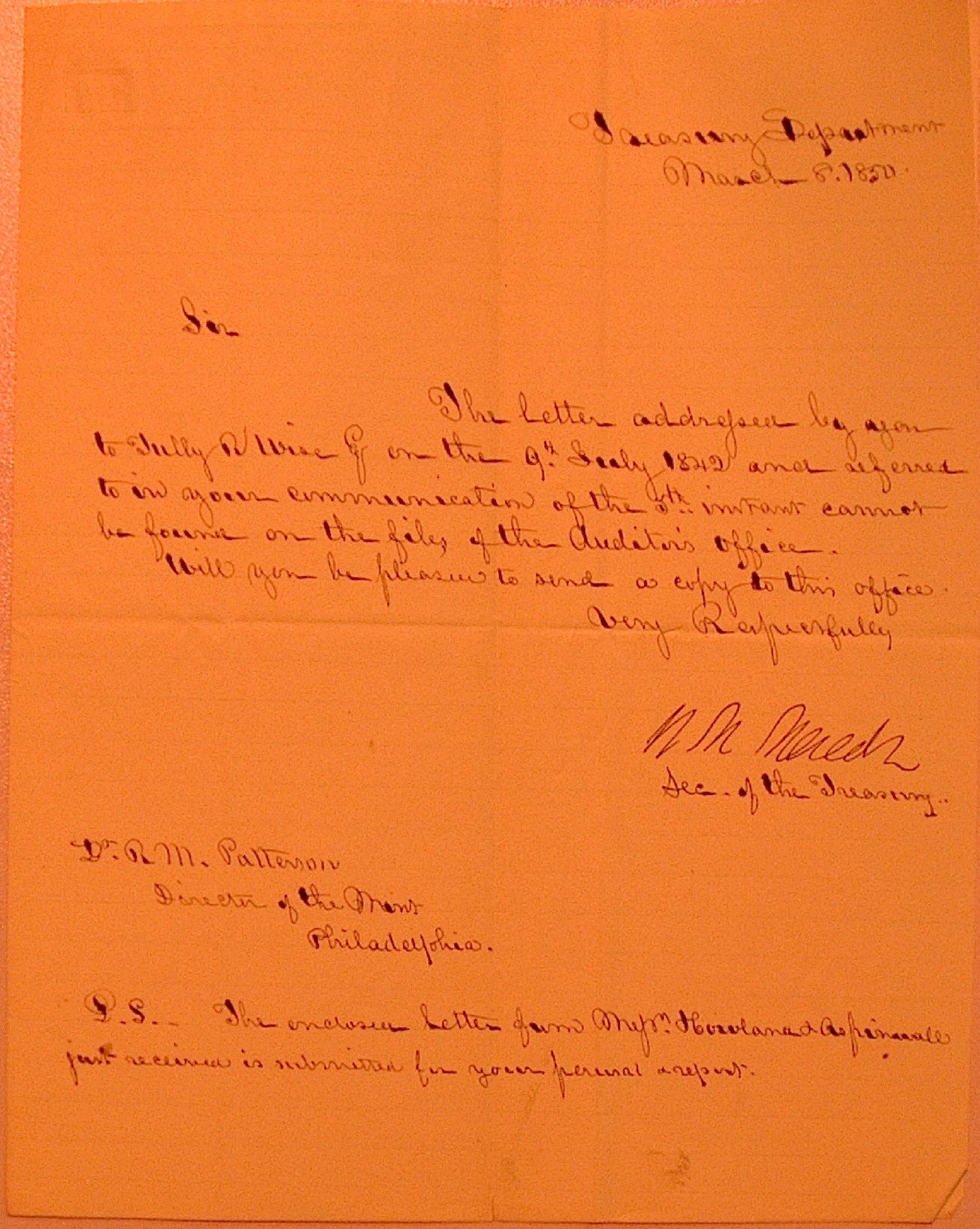
Your Humble Servant
William E Read

direct answer Herriottsville
Allegheny Co Pa

No. 700

No. 700. ~~$ 10~~
$ 1011.04

above $ 1,000.00 will pay above.



Treasury Department
March 8. 1850.

Sir

The letter addressed by you to Tully R Wise Esq on the 9th July 1849 and referred to in your communication of the 5th instant cannot be found on the files of the Auditor's Office.

Will you be pleased to send a copy to this office.

Very Respectfully

W M Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R.M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

P.S. -- The enclosed letter from Messrs. Howland & Aspinwall just received is submitted for your perusal & report.